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NEWS SUMMARY

GENERAL

Mulder 'resign' calls mount

There is intense pressure in South Africa for the resignation of Dr. Connie Mulder, second most powerful man in the ruling National Party, because of the scandal over allegations of misuse of funds.

Some Cabinet Ministers, many Members of Parliament and virtually all the Afrikaans language press fear a deep party split if Dr. Mulder insists on fighting for his name.

Dr. Mulder, now in charge of plural relations, is a former Information Minister. He is implicated in allegations that public funds were used to finance a newspaper and that money was loaned to businesses. Page 2

Canon supports women priests

Canon John Collins said in a sermon at St. Paul's that he hoped the general synod of the Church of England would approve women priests when it voted on Wednesday. A negative vote would not be an act of wisdom, he said.

Funfair tragedy

A woman died and about 12 people were hurt when a whisky bottle crashed into the crowd at Guy Fawkes night funfair in Cosham, Hants. It happened at a playing field which was packed with families.

Theft case today

Barry Wellington Barnes, a 38-year-old civil servant of Marlow, Bucks, will appear at Bow Street court, London, today charged with stealing nearly £140,000 from a Foreign Office fund between January and November this year.

Street shooting

A woman was critically ill after being shot in the head near South Kensington tube station, London. One street was sealed off as police hunted the attacker. Witnesses said they saw a woman run from the scene.

Ulster bombs

About ten bombs exploded at a building in Londonderry, starting a fire which threatened nearby houses. The bombs were unable to be defused for fear of further explosions. There were no injuries. SDLP calls for troops withdrawal. Page 4

Labour comfort

The Government is poised for a surprisingly easy win in the division on the Queen's Speech this week with the Liberals likely to abstain rather than vote to support the Conservatives. Page 4

Churchill claim

Winston Churchill wanted Nazi war criminals to be summarily shot rather than put on trial, according to Nuremberg, a book by Conservative MP Airey Neave, published today.

Inquiry demand

Conservative MP Ian Stewart wants an inquiry into how a confidential Treasury document on the effects of Britain joining the European Monetary System came into the hands of Labour MP Brian Sedgmore. Back Page

Briefly...

Lee Howard, who retired in 1971 after 10 years as editor of the Daily Mirror, died at the weekend. He was 84.

President Amin of Uganda said he would accept Libyan mediation in the quarrel with Tanzania.

Record 48 nations appear in the 10-pin bowling world cup opening in Bogota today.

RSPCA is hunting a gang which stages dog fights in the West Country.

Two Soviet naval ships will make an official visit to Turkey starting November 18.

The £50,000 weekly Premium Bond prizewinner lives in Torbay. No. AZ 833 450.

BUSINESS

Slower output growth expected

NEW Treasury forecasts indicate a continuing growth of output during the next 12 months, though at a slightly slower rate than in 1978.

The forecasts, completed at the end of last month, are believed to point to a slackening of the consumer boom but to a faster growth in exports. Overall, there will be only a slight reduction in the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product from the 3.3 per cent increase of the last year. Back and Page 33

Output recovery, it is spreading

The upturn remains patchy, with some companies fearing a squeeze on profit margins, according to the latest Financial Times monthly survey of business opinion. Back and Page 32

INCREASE in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate is considered possible on Thursday, after the sharp rise in the level of short-term money market rates towards the end of last week. Page 33

Prison officers step up action

PRISON officers were this morning due to step up industrial action over a pay claim, as the political row over the state of the prison service worsened.

More than 40 prisoners are likely to be affected by overtime bans, curtailment of visits and a refusal to escort prisoners to and from jails. Page 4

UK and Japanese motor industry representatives are under pressure from both Governments to reach an understanding in talks starting today. Subjects to be discussed are expected to include vehicle shipments from Japan and Japan's share of the UK car market. Back Page

Textile industry more confident

BRITAIN'S textile and clothing industry is showing renewed confidence over prospects for sales in the coming months, according to a CBI-NEDO state-of-trade survey. Page 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY Association has met Environment Secretary Mr. Peter Shore at the Consultative Council on Local Government Finance for the last time before the announcement of the 1979-80 Rate Support Grant Settlement on November 24. Page 33

COMPANIES

ROYAL LONDON Mutual Insurance Society has redesigned its pension contract for the self-employed and others in non-pensionable employment. Page 26

BARCLAYS NATIONAL, the largest bank in South Africa and a 64 per cent-owned subsidiary of Barclays International of Barclays, London, recorded an increase in pre-tax profit from R55.1m to R68.3m (\$79.4m) for the year to September 30, 1978. Page 28

CHINA LIGHT and Power, which supplies electricity to Rowland, the Kong's outlying islands, is raising HK\$ 300m (US\$ 62.5m) by way of a rights issue. Page 28

Iran PM reported to have resigned after Tehran riots

BY ANDREW WHITLEY Tehran November 5

MR. JAFAR SHAHRIF-EMAMI, the Prime Minister of Iran, resigned tonight after only 10 weeks of power, according to reliable diplomatic sources.

The sources said the 68-year-old premier had tendered his resignation and it was assumed here that it had been accepted.

The move confirms strong speculation over the past few days that Mr. Shahriif-Emami would stand down and make way for a broad coalition bringing in the National Front, the main opposition party.

Rising violence in Tehran brought the issue to a head at the end of a day of rioting.

Earlier, Mr. Abolqazari Qazi Shahtari-Panahi, the Minister of Higher Education, resigned in protest against Saturday's shootings at Tehran University. He was the fifth Minister to resign from the two-month-old Government.

The Shah is known to have called an emergency session with top military and civilian advisers during the evening. He now appears to have a clear choice: to persist with his original plan, which is believed to be to hand over the Government to an independent political figure, or accept the long-expected alternative of a full-scale military government.

Dr. Ali Amini, the former Premier of Dr. Karim Sanjabi, leader of the National Front, is the most likely choice to lead a civilian Government. Dr. Amini, who was an independent-minded Prime Minister in the early 1960s, was reported to have been at the meeting held by the Shah.

Hopes of a compromise involving the National Front do not appear strong, however.

In Paris, Dr. Karim Sanjabi

said there could be no solution to the crisis under the present monarchy. After a meeting with Ayatollah Khomeini, the exiled religious leader, he said: "The Iranian nationalist and Islamic movement cannot agree to the formation of any Government as long as the present illegal monarchical regime remains in power."

There are now firm indications that some army units are sympathetic to the demonstrators. A truckload of troops posted next to the British Embassy, to guard the premises, made no attempt to interfere, and a 50-strong mob broke into the embassy grounds this afternoon and set the Chancery building on fire, after attacking the diplomats to leave.

Near the university area, witnesses watched soldiers standing by while rioters broke into a Government office. A university lecturer said that he had seen two men in army uniform assisting efforts to break down the university campus gates.

And, in an atmosphere reminiscent of the so-called "Tehran spring" before the imposition of martial law in September, demonstrators embraced soldiers and climbed onto their tanks.

The past two days' events, on and off the streets of the capital, take place against the background of worsening industrial troubles. In spite of mediation efforts, the three-week-old oilfield strike shows no sign of weakening: all domestic and international flights by the State airline have been grounded for the past six days; and telecommunications workers yesterday added their weight to the political firebrands already on the Government's table.

Workers in the domestic rebarberies — in Tehran, Esfahan and Shiraz — and a petrols delivery centre have joined.

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Austrians vote against atom plant

By Paul Lendvai

VIENNA, Nov. 5.

AUSTRIA'S ruling Socialist Party was defeated today in a referendum on the commissioning of the country's first nuclear power plant. Chancellor Bruno Kreisky may submit his resignation to-morrow at an emergency meeting of the Socialist leadership.

In a 64 per cent turnout, 50.47 per cent of the 3.26m votes were against the law adopted last summer by the Socialist majority.

The Minister of Trade responsible for Energy has already confirmed that the nuclear plant at Zwentendorf — about 25 miles north west of Vienna on the Danube — will not go on stream. It was built at an estimated cost of Sch.8bn (about £280m).

The unexpected result of the referendum will produce major economic and political consequences.

In the long term, it is bound to increase Austria's dependence on imported energy. The scrapping of the plant will cost the country about Sch.1bn annually for additional fuel imports.

The share of imports in terms of domestic energy consumption is expected to rise from 65 per cent at present to over 80 per cent by the end of the 1980s.

More important, however, are the short- and medium-term political repercussions. The Socialist Party in general, and Chancellor Kreisky personally, became identified with the fate of the controversial nuclear plant, the building of which had been decided by the previous People's Party government.

However, conflicts over the commissioning, particularly regarding waste disposal and other safety provisions, have increasingly become a political issue.

The law was pushed through by the Socialist majority in Parliament last July, but later all three political parties agreed to hold a plebiscite — Austria's first — about the commissioning of the plant.

In a television interview tonight, Chancellor Kreisky conceded a political and personal defeat. Previously he had hinted that he might resign if the Government lost in the referendum.

When questioned tonight, he did not exclude the possibility of resignation, but refused to comment before the meetings of the party presidium and executive committee, due to take place tomorrow morning.

At the last election in October 1975, the Socialists gained 50.4 per cent of the vote, while this time the "Yes" vote was only 49.53 per cent.

The turnout, however, was well below the usual 90 per cent. Many non-Socialist supporters of nuclear energy evidently abstained.

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Travel agents involved in fair trade disputes

BY ARTHUR SANDLES

BRITAIN'S TRAVEL agents begin their annual conference here on the Costa del Sol today while their professional association is involved in two big rows at home.

The Association of British Travel Agents is angry at British Airways' decision to open three travel advice outlets with the label "discount centres" and is in dispute with the Office of Fair Trading on restrictive practices within the travel trade itself.

After an official complaint from the association, it is believed that the State airline is being asked by the office to justify its use of the word "discount" in promoting fares which are universally available.

At the same time, the office is taking the Association to the Restrictive Practices Court over regulations which limit the Association's activities in dealing with non-ABTA members.

Strict rules

Member retailers, who have strict rules on premises and staffing, sell only ABTA-recognised foreign travel, and ABTA tour operators sell only direct or through ABTA retail outlets.

This effectively restricts competition unless it is very determined as it has been from W. H. Smith in recent years — but also provides customers with insurance, since to belong to the club each member has to protect clients against defaulting fellow members.

The Association intends to fight the court action which, although likely to be instigated within the next few weeks, will probably not come to a hearing until 1980.

It is likely to claim that the rules, called Operation Stabiliser, act entirely in the public interest and that if they were not there the Government would be forced to introduce a licensing scheme which would produce further bureaucracy.

Stabiliser was set up a decade ago in the wake of a series of travel industry collapses, which left customers stranded in the Mediterranean. At the time, it was welcomed by consumer interests, but now the tide has turned against restrictive trading.

The cost of fighting the action is likely to be considerable. At the moment senior ABTA executives are taking in terms of £50,000 to £60,000.

Against this background, British Airways' introduction of its "discount centres" is angering many ABTA agents.

The argument is that, since the airline's fares are available at the same rate everywhere, it is misleading for it to call any outlet a discount centre.

The airline suggests that the centres are making their main effort in the marketing of special tourist fares, which are at a lower price than those normally charged for tourists and first-class travel. And so the use of the word "discount" is justified.

Simple advice

The centres will not sell tickets, but simply advise on the latest fares. Agents claim that British Airways is unlikely to let customers that Laker or Jet-charge over lower fares, or Cosmos, cheaper tours.

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Hitachi may establish TV set factory in Spain

BY MAX WILKINSON

HITACHI, the Japanese television-set manufacturer recently frustrated in its attempt to set up a manufacturing plant in the UK, is believed to be considering a move into Spain.

The rapid increase of the Spanish colour television market and the prospect of Spain's joining the Common Market will make the country an attractive European base for Hitachi.

It already has a 20 per cent share of a colour tube maker, Valco, shortly to start full production in Finland.

Since its Finnish venture, Hitachi has looked for ways of establishing a European set-manufacturing base alongside its main Japanese competitors as a safeguard against possible future import restrictions.

Sony and Matsushita are already established in South Wales. Toshiba has signed a joint venture agreement with Rank in the UK, and Sanyo has bought a 30 per cent share in Emerson in Italy.

Hitachi had examined the possibility of setting up a plant in Washington New Town, Tyne and Wear, but prolonged hostility from British manufacturers and unions made it drop the proposal.

The attention of the Japanese is turning from the UK to Spain

because the colour television market there has recently shown a phenomenal growth from 50,000 sets in 1975 to an estimated 660,000 this year.

Since only 15 per cent of Spanish households have colour television, although almost 100 per cent have black and white, it is a market with enough potential to attract the largest international producers.

The interest of multinational threatens to bring severe problems to the smaller Spanish manufacturers, who benefited from the relatively slow reaction of their foreign competitors when the market took off two years ago.

Foreign-owned companies led by Philips, Telefunken and Grundig are using their marketing and technical muscle to increase their share of sales and prevent the smaller Spanish-owned companies from expanding as fast as they wish.

Consequently, none of the four remaining Spanish-owned companies has been able to win more than a 10 per cent share of the market.

Hitachi's interest is believed to centre on Vanguard of Barcelona, which has the largest sale of colour sets of the Spanish companies.

With production at only about

60,000 sets a year, Vanguard is dwarfed by its foreign rivals and said to be looking for a buyer.

In the industry it is believed Hitachi is the frontrunner.

There is growing uneasiness in the industry that Spanish-owned companies may be picked off one by one by their foreign rivals.

Recently Inter decided to throw in its lot with Grundig of West Germany.

The joint operation now has about 20 per cent of the Spanish market. Philips has about 25 per cent, Telefunken 11 per cent, Thomson of France 6 per cent, and Sanyo 5 per cent.

Almost 70 per cent of the market is therefore in the hands of foreign companies.

The remaining Spanish companies, led by CECSA (Compania de Electronica y Comunicaciones S.A.) have therefore been discussing the possibility of merging their interests into a national conglomerate large enough to fight the foreign competitors.

Talks between CECSA, Vanguard and the other two companies, Werner and Lavis, do not appear to have reached a conclusion so far.

The Spanish Government, though interested in the fate of its customer electronics industry, has not yet shown any interventionist vigour.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Ecevit warns West on austerity

By Metin Munir

ANKARA, Nov. 5. MR. RÜLENT ECEVIT, Prime Minister of Turkey, has indicated strongly he has no intention of taking new austerity measures as being urged by the IMF, the OECD and Turkish business circles.

In a sharp attack on his Western allies and international financial institutions for lack of sympathy for Turkey's plight, he told an extraordinary congress here of his "democratic left" Republican People's Party that he does not intend to destroy Turkish democracy for the sake of curing the country's ailing economy.

Mr. Ecevit further cautioned that unless the West was more forthcoming he could make policy changes which could upset the balance of power in the world.

After coming to power last January his government had taken austerity measures to end Turkey's economic crisis.

"With however good intentions they may have been submitted, I have no intention of accepting prescriptions which are not compatible with the realities of Turkey," he declared.

"I cannot push our democracy off the precipice neither for 50m credits, nor 100m or one billion. I cannot throw our democracy into the fire."

Although he was not explicit it was clear that Mr. Ecevit was referring to the IMF and the OECD which are urging Turkey to take fresh austerity measures since those taken to date have not been enough to improve the economic situation. If Turkey refuses, the fund may withhold the third tranche under the stand-by agreement. If this happens the syndication of a medium term \$500m loan by international banks will also fall through.

Mr. Ecevit has been getting increasingly frustrated with the response from his allies and international finance institutions for his requests of fresh money.

Arab summit discusses action fund

BY ROGER MATTHEWS

ARAB HEADS of state, having failed in a last-ditch attempt to persuade President Sadat of Egypt to call off his planned peace treaty with Israel, were tonight trying to hammer out a final communiqué to cap four days of talks in Baghdad.

The abrupt refusal by Mr. Sadat to meet a four-man delegation sent from the 21-nation Baghdad meeting in Cairo yesterday may have represented a small tactical victory for the hardline states, but it is thought unlikely to have much impact on the outcome of the summit.

The composition of the delegation and the lack of preparation for its sudden trip to Cairo indicated that it was undertaken with no expectation of success. However, it has enabled Iraq, the host nation, Syria and the more radical states to argue that every effort has been made to draw Egypt back into the Arab fold, and that action against Mr. Sadat should not be conditional on the peace treaty being signed with Israel.

In an undelivered message to

President Sadat, the Iraqi president, Hassan al-Bakr, urged him to renounce the Camp David accord, signed with Israel and the U.S. in September. By so doing, Mr. Sadat would be

Israel's Defence Minister, Mr. Ezer Weizmann has reported to the Cabinet on the military aspect of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, having briefed the General Staff on Friday, L. Daniel writes from Tel Aviv. The political aspects are to be discussed by the Cabinet at another special meeting to-morrow. The thorny prob-

lem of implementation of the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza seems to have been resolved. It will apparently not be referred to in the treaty itself but in an exchange of letters between Israel and Egypt providing for the start of the talks on introduction of autonomy at the beginning of 1979, with or without Jordan.

rendering "a great service to the Arab nation and the future of our Egyptian people." In return, the rest of the Arab world would guarantee Egypt whatever help it needed.

Egypt, however, has sent back two emissaries to the Washington peace talks.

The delegation from the summit, headed by Lebanon's Prime Minister, Dr. Selim

not listen to the "hissing of snakes." These Hissat writes from Beirut: Iraq, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization are understood to have reached an agreement for ending the bitter conflict which has divided them. The accord between Iraq and Syria is part of the charter they signed last month for ending the 10-year-old feud between

the rival Ba'ath Party factions which rule the two countries. The argument between Iraq and the PLO was reached at a meeting in Baghdad yesterday between the PLO Chairman, Mr. Yasser Arafat and Mr. Saddam Shaker, the head of the Iraqi intelligence service, according to Arab diplomats. Mr. Arafat is in Baghdad for the Arab summit.

As many as 17 Syrian military, police and Ba'ath party officials have been assassinated within the past two years. There were two unsuccessful attempts on the life of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Abdel Halim Khaddam. Damascus blamed Iraqi agents for all these terrorist operations.

The underground war between the PLO and Iraq recently took the form of guerrilla attacks on Iraqi embassies in London and elsewhere and counterattacks by pro-Iraqi Palestinian gunmen against PLO offices in Paris and the assassination of PLO officials abroad.

BAGHDAD, Nov. 5.

U.S. capital spending decrease predicted

By Stewart Fleming

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. CAPITAL SPENDING by business in the U.S. is likely to fall next year and in 1980 in real terms according to an authoritative survey, published by the McGraw-Hill Publications, Economics Department.

The survey, based on reports from some 600 companies accounting for about half of capital expenditure projects showed a 10 per cent rise to \$171m next year. But after allowing for an assumed 3 per cent increase in capital goods inflation rate, real capital spending will show an increase of only around 2 per cent in 1979, the survey says.

Looking forward to 1980, the survey, which reflects the current plans of the companies covered, sees only a 3 per cent rise in money terms. McGraw-Hill says that even the 2 per cent real increase projected for 1979 probably implies a decline in real investment during the year.

In the past, the Autumn survey has generally indicated correctly the direction of changes in capital expenditure. McGraw-Hill says. In periods of expansion though it has underestimated increases and in periods of contraction of growth, in the economy it has tended to be too optimistic about the outlook for capital expenditure.

Since the survey was taken moreover several factors have occurred which must be seen as putting further pressure on business to trim back spending plans. In particular, the sharp rise in interest rates stemming from last week's dollar support package and the increased likelihood of a recession in 1979.

Rather, partly on the basis of strong capital expenditure in the forthcoming December parliamentary elections have refused permission to stand by the ruling United National Independence Party (UNIP) on the grounds that their candidacy is "inimical to the interests of the state."

Combined with the recent Carter administration's economic policy moves, the McGraw-Hill survey must make such forecasts look less convincing.

French sea strike ends

By Robert Mauthner

PARIS, Nov. 5. A PROVISIONAL agreement to end the 15-day merchant seamen's strike, which immobilised dozens of ships in Marseilles and Le Havre, France's two biggest ports, was reached last night between union, ship-owners and Government representatives.

The agreement was reached several hours after riot police had dispersed pickets on both ports on Saturday, enabling some of the oil tankers off Marseilles and several of the merchant ships at Le Havre to unload their supplies. A queue of about 35 loaded tankers had built up outside Marseilles.

Union representatives said that the agreement included an undertaking by the shipowners not to employ any more low-wage labour from third countries on French ships, at least until a more detailed agreement had been worked out with the unions. The employment of Indonesian, catering staff on cruise ships belonging to the Nouvelle Calédonie de Paquebots, who were being paid lower rates than French seamen, sparked off the strike.

The stoppage caused serious disruption of France's supplies of crude oil, more than 40 per cent of which comes into the oil terminals near Marseilles. At the end of last week, pipelines serving some 11 oil refineries in France, West Germany and Switzerland ceased functioning altogether.

Justifying the police action on Saturday, the authorities said that France's oil supplies were threatened by the strike and the 3m tonnes of oil in tankers off Marseilles were creating a potentially dangerous situation.

Amin 'accepts mediation'

By Our Own Correspondent

NAIROBI, Nov. 5. PRESIDENT Idi Amin tonight announced he was ready to accept Libyan mediation in his quarrel with Tanzania, provided that President Julius Nyerere was ready to accept mediation "in a brotherly African way". This was announced by Radio Uganda, after Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Qassim Alizawi, the Libyan Minister of Culture and Information, had delivered a special message from Colonel Gaddafi to President Amin. Offers of mediation also appear to have been made by Sr. Isidoro Malmierca, Cuba's Foreign Minister, and Mr. Shadrach Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General, both of whom met President Nyerere last night.

The military situation on the Kagera River, east of Lake Victoria, is now virtually a stalemate. Ugandan troops are dug in along the northern bank of the river and Kampala radio claimed that a number of Tanzanian troops were cut off in the area. Heavy firing took place across the river during the weekend, and the Tanzanians claim to have destroyed two Ugandan tanks and shot down two aircraft. The Ugandans say they had incurred no losses.

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U.S. cancels uranium delivery contract with South Africa

BY QUENTIN PEEL

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 5.

THE U.S. has cancelled its contract to deliver highly enriched uranium to South Africa, following Pretoria's continued refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

This was confirmed at the weekend by Dr. Ample Roux, chairman of the South African Atomic Energy Board who said the U.S. Nuclear Corporation had returned the \$400,000 deposit paid by South Africa for the fuel. However, he said the cancellation only affected supplies for South Africa's Safari One research reactor and not enriched supplies to the Koeberg nuclear power station currently under construction.

The break follows top-level negotiations last June by Mr. Gerard Smith, the special U.S. State Department envoy responsible for non-proliferation treaty, and the South African Government in Pretoria. South Africa had demanded specific guarantees concerning the supply of enriched uranium for its pilot reactor and for the Koeberg power station, in the Western Cape, and for the supply of "non-sensitive" technology for its uranium enrichment plant, also currently under construction.

In return for the guarantees, the South Africans said they would agree to sign the non-proliferation treaty.

Since Mr. Smith's visit, South

African officials have expressed considerable scepticism about U.S. willingness to share nuclear technology, and respect Pretoria's secret process for uranium enrichment. A break has thus looked increasingly inevitable.

In his weekend statement, Mr. Roux insisted, however, that the break was "not a setback to our work."

He said supplies to Koeberg, due to come on stream in 1980, had not been affected. Safari One requires uranium which is 93 per cent enriched, a high level associated with nuclear weapons. U.S. supplies have been withheld since 1975 and there is no suggestion that South Africa has yet found an alternative source.

Whatever the effect on the South African research programme, the possibility of such a high level of enrichment is required—means that South Africa's nuclear power programme could be delayed several years. The commercial production of enriched fuel planned for Val-de-Kroon, where there is currently a pilot plant, is not thought possible in time for the proposed start in 1981. Meanwhile, several other nuclear power stations are planned for coastal sites in the country, both in Natal and the Eastern Cape.

Mulder urged to resign

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 5.

INTENSE pressure is building up for Dr. Connie Mulder, the second most powerful man in South Africa's ruling National Party, to resign, following the scandal surrounding his former information department and its secret activities.

Virtually the entire Afrikaans language Press, as well as many MPs and some Cabinet Ministers, are deeply concerned about the danger of a lasting split in the party if Dr. Mulder insists on fighting his political position.

Dr. Mulder, the former Minister of Information, now holding the very powerful portfolio of Rural Relations—covering African affairs and race relations—and leader of the highest provincial wing of the party, the Transvaal, is deeply implicated in evidence to a judicial inquiry published last week stating that some R12m (28m of State funds) were used to finance an "independent" newspaper, and considerable sums were also lent to private businesses.

He has so far declared himself not prepared to resign "under any circumstances," and subsequently promised to consider his resignation.

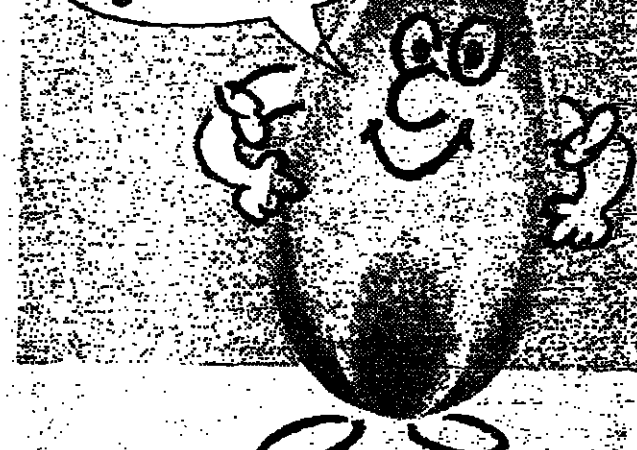
position only in the light of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the operations of his former information department, now launched by Mr. P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister.

The Afrikaans Sunday newspaper Rapport today ran a major front-page story on the threat to Dr. Mulder. It said the "furious struggle" was in progress between two groups of the Transvaal wing of the National Party. One wing is urging him to quit—this is centred on the group which supported Mr. Pi Botha, the Foreign Minister, in September's election for Premier, and the other bank is Dr. Mulder's own solid core of supporters.

Dr. Mulder's best-known supporters still stood by him "reasonably strongly," the paper said, quoting a survey, but there had been "open fighting" at meetings where pro- and anti-Mulder men had met. The paper said the fear was expressed by some MPs that "it could lead to a long-lasting alienation between the two groups of Nationalists and some people give this as a reason why Dr. Mulder should resign."

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WORLD TRADE NEWS

Concern over chemical deals with East Europe

BY CHARLES BAYCHELOR

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 5.

CONCERN AT the threat of short-term advantage of jobs in the engineering industry but they do not see the long-term transfer of jobs from the chemical industry emerged as a major theme in the general assembly of the European Council of Chemical Manufacturers (CECM).

The chemical industry must make governments realise the consequences of their support for the East European countries, Mr. Kurt Lanz, vice-chairman of CECM, told a Press conference at the end of the two-day assembly here.

Western Europe had a chemicals trade surplus of \$1.8bn with Eastern Europe in 1977 but by 1985 this will become a deficit of \$1.7bn, largely due to compensation deals, he said.

What irritates us is that this is happening on the back of our technology, our preferential credits and our processing and plant skills," he said.

"Governments which encourage East-West plant deals see the

A greater insight into the compensation deals being taken by Western companies to plan ahead. This was difficult to achieve, however, since the Western company supplying engineering skills and plant was not directly involved with the bulk products being provided in exchange.

These were financed by banks and came onto the market through a chemical products trader, who, at best, might be prepared to give information or through other trading channels which would not, Mr. Lanz said.

The chemical industry is optimistic that it will still achieve faster rates of growth in the short-term than other sectors of industry, Mr. Lanz added.

It bases this on the capital intensity of its operations and on the development of new products and applications. Further growth is expected not only in pharmaceuticals and agricultural products but also in artificial fibres and plastics.

SHIPPING REPORT

Iran strike hits oil charters

By Lynton McLain

THE SUDDEN disruption of oil supplies from Iran last week had an immediate adverse impact on oil tanker charter rates.

Up to 35 large crude oil tankers were forced to wait for cargoes at Kharg Island as the bulk of Iran's 27,000 oil industry workers went on strike on Wednesday. London shipbrokers said the market was highly confused after weeks of improving rates. The Gulf market was weakened by unused tonnage intended for Iran loading.

Congestion had eased by the end of the week, but with Iranian oil production down to 1.5m barrels a day compared with normal daily output of 3.5m barrels, it may be some days before normal production and trading is resumed.

Very large crude carriers bound for Western ports dropped 10 points on the week to Worldscale 35. Trade to Japan was more lively with a 230,000-ton vessel obtaining Worldscale 60.

Other loading areas remained buoyant with further gains reported. West African loadings reached Worldscale 50 for a 120,000-ton ship and Worldscale 110 for an 80,000-ton ship for U.S. discharge. Demand was still strong in the Mediterranean but the strike of French seamen and tugboat operators stopped foreign vessels unloading oil. This limited the vessels available for charter and Worldscale 108 was paid for an 85,000-ton cargo for U.S. discharge.

The Caribbean loading area was also buoyant with a 115,000-ton ship obtaining Worldscale 97 for U.S. Gulf discharge.

The general improvement in charter rates was reflected in the bid-up and idle tanker tonnage at the end of October, which showed a fall with 48 tankers totalling 7.9m tons back in service. Sixteen combined carriers totalling 2.3m tons were also reintroduced. But there were still 69 tankers and five combined carriers of over 200,000 tons laid-up. Ten of the ships were VLCCs over 300,000 tons deadweight.

On the dry cargo sector, 386 vessels of 5.6m tons deadweight were idle, in October, close to the September total of 384 ships. Owners in the dry cargo market reported buoyant trade in the Atlantic where the Gulf-to-Continent grain rate for a 50,000-ton vessel rose to \$10.50, the best for four years.

On the scrap market, there was a sharp rise in Far East demand rates, highlighted by the sale of the TT Olympic Rider of 11,776 tonnes deadweight at \$123.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

Britain puts its money on Mexico

BY WILLIAM CHISLETT IN MEXICO CITY

THE MEXICAN President, Sr. Jose Lopez Portillo, will this week open Britain's largest single overseas promotion—this year—the British Industrial Exhibition—in the presence of the Duke of Kent, vice-president of the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) and Lord Chalfont, president of Canning House and of the exhibition.

Not since the Queen's visit to Mexico in 1975 has the British business community in Mexico and the staff of the British Embassy put in so much overtime, and in the form of contracts are hoped for. The exhibition ends on November 17.

About 150 companies, many of them represented in Mexico, will be displaying their goods at 80 stands at the exhibition in Mexico City's Sports Palace. The largest exhibitor is the British Nationalised Overseas Service, which represents 22 State-owned industries in the form of co-ventures. 12 of which will be present at the exhibition, the largest number ever to take part in an exhibition outside Britain.

Mexico is a potentially ripe market for Britain in the fields of petrochemicals, textile machinery, machine tools, steel plants, electric power generation, transport, agriculture, mining and minerals to name but a few.

Trade between the two countries is very much in Britain's favour and there is every chance that it will increase. In the first half of this year Britain's exports to Mexico were worth £48m compared to £27m for the same period last year. Mexico's exports to Britain in the first six months of this year totalled £21m.

The balance for 1977 was £38m in Britain's favour. This is a sensitive subject for Mexico and there were attempts last month at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Mexican Joint Commission on industrial and economic co-operation to get Britain to balance her trade with Mexico. Britain's attitude is that it is one of the most impressive 'moveable' in balance trade displays in the exhibition of 'every country, but has agreed to railways' equipment, with a view

offer Mexico more help in trying to place her products.

Britain will certainly be going all out at the exhibition to win many contracts as it can in a market which is basically dominated by the U.S., West Germany and Japan. The British Embassy has sent out over 30,000 leaflets about the exhibition and has already received some positive replies back asking for assistance, particularly in the machine tool industry.

In the first six months of this year £208,000 worth of machine tools were exported to Mexico compared with £737,000 in the equivalent 1977 period.

Britain has been criticised in the past for missing out on Latin American markets and as if to reinforce the interest now being taken, leading industrialists from Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Trinidad are being brought to the exhibition to gauge their interest.

Projects

One of the largest projects on the horizon in Mexico in which Britain is interested is the planned suburban railway for Mexico City, planned as the world's biggest.

GEC Transport Projects is one of the main contenders along with Japanese and Canadian groups, but the idea has now been reportedly shelved temporarily.

The first stage of the contract to lay 52 km of track would have been worth almost \$1bn, but the Government has decided against going ahead with it for the time being because of the cost involved and also it is also trying to decentralise industry.

The project does not seem to have deterred GEC from putting on what Britain's attitude is that it is one of the most impressive 'moveable' in balance trade displays in the exhibition of 'every country, but has agreed to railways' equipment, with a view

to winning any contracts that might come through in the future.

In line with the decentralisation policy of the Government the exhibition will dedicate certain days to industry outside Mexico City. So there will, for example, be meetings concerned with industry in Monterrey in the north, Mexico's second most important industrial centre, and other places like Puebla.

With the increasing confidence being placed in Mexico as a result of the general economic recovery from the watershed 1976 devaluation of the peso and more particularly the country's oil boom, now is a good time for increasing Britain's interest.

The GDP increase this year is confidently being predicted at around 6 per cent after a real growth rate in 1977 of 2.5 per cent. Inflation is coming down a little and should end the year at about 18 per cent. The balance of payments deficit is being forecast at about \$2.4bn after last year's \$1.7bn.

The increased balance of payments deficit mainly reflects the rising imports of capital goods, itself a sign that Mexican industry is getting back on its feet after two years of falling production.

The petroleum industry is booming. Daily production of crude oil and condensates now stands at 1.4m barrels and exports are running in the order of 400,000 to 500,000 b/d. As a result Mexico estimates that it will need at least ten drilling and five production platforms in the next five years and in the longer term possibly as many as 40 platforms as the offshore oil production in the Bay of Campeche gets into swing.

Similarly in petrochemicals Mexico is finishing a giant gas processing complex at Cactus in the state of Chiapas. Mexico's petrochemical industry, the largest in Latin America, is expected to triple capacity to 19.4m tonnes by 1982. In this sector there are opportunities

for supplying process engineering, technology and equipment.

The British Steel Corporation, which advised on the building of the Siratsa plant, will be looking for any further help in Mexico's expanding steel industry. The industry has been shaken by the dismissal of the heads of the three state-controlled steel corporations and the creation of a new holding company, Sidermex.

The Committee of London Clearing Banks will also be represented at a very high level including Lord Armstrong of Sandhurst, the president of the committee. They will be ready to set up joint co-investment plans.

There are at the moment 61 British companies operating in Mexico in local joint ventures, usually with 51 per cent Mexican ownership. Many more foreign companies would probably set up in Mexico if they felt that the foreign investment law was less restrictive. But the Mexican Government is now likely to modify the way in which the law is applied rather than change it.

Although Britain's investment after the U.S. and West Germany, it remains small. It was recently estimated that total foreign investment amounted to \$6bn in 1977. However, the largest company in Mexico is said to be Portland Cement at Toluca.

Invisibles aid Greek balance

By Our Own Correspondent

ATHENS, Nov. 5.

GREECE HAD a trade deficit of \$3.3bn in January to September this year, a 18.1 per cent increase over the deficit of \$2.8bn in the first nine months of 1977.

According to figures released by the Bank of Greece, imports in January to September 1978 increased by 17 per cent to a total of \$5.4bn.

For this reason the reduction in shipments to the UK will continue in November and December, but not at the low level reached last month. Only 20,000 cars will be shipped during the rest of this year, compared with the normal monthly level of 12,500.

That indicates that the Japanese manufacturers have been given some firm "guidance" by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

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Motor chiefs talk on limiting Japanese shipments

BY KENNETH GOODING, MOTOR INDUSTRY CORRESPONDENT

REPRESENTATIVES OF the British and Japanese motor industries are under strong pressure from their governments to reach an understanding in two days of talks which begin this afternoon.

Some kind of agreement for 1979 appears likely about such things as vehicle shipments from Japan and the Japanese market share for both cars and light commercial vehicles in the UK.

The UK Government is standing well back from the talks because, under the Treaty

of Rome, discussions on import controls of any sort should be handled by the European Commission.

That has not prevented the Department of Trade giving clear hints about what it hopes the industry-to-industry discussions will achieve.

It would like to see shipments of cars from Japan next year restricted to the 1978 level, which should be about 144,000 vehicles, compared with 151,000 in 1977 and 124,000 in 1976. And it would be unhappy if the Japanese share of the car

market next year rose above the 10.6 per cent target for 1978. At present the share is still over 11 per cent, but is falling, and will come back sharply this month when the impact of the October shipment restrictions—only 3,500 cars left Japan for the UK last month—are felt.

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HOME NEWS

Government likely to win majority on the Queen's Speech

BY RICHARD EVANS, LOBBY EDITOR

THE GOVERNMENT looks like an uncomfortable final session. The lack of a united opposition majority on the Queen's Speech this week—the Commons division that will decide whether Mr. Callaghan can survive politically into next year before calling a General Election.

To Conservative leader's irritation, the Liberals are unlikely to oppose the Government in the final division on the session's legislative programme on Thursday.

The likelihood is that Mr. David Steel and his colleagues will abstain on the grounds that they do not wish to be seen supporting Conservative policies.

As the Nationalist parties look like abstaining or supporting the Government because of the promise of early legislation on the referendum due to take place in March 1, the Government's majority could be more than 20.

Mr. Callaghan is explaining their role in the operation of the sanctions policy both politically and industrially from 1968.

Troops must go, says SDLP conference

BY STUART DALBY

BELFAST, Nov. 5.

THE ANNUAL conference of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the main voice of Roman Catholics, moderated in Ulster, ended today with executives trying to reassure delegates and observers that the call for British withdrawal from the troubled province did not represent a departure from established policy.

By an overwhelming majority conference resolved that withdrawal was "inevitable and desirable".

Mr. John Hume, deputy leader and the party's candidate for a seat in the European Parliament next June, said that the SDLP had consistently wanted the reunification of Ireland if only on a federal basis, and that the withdrawal of British troops was an essential and integral part of this policy.

There are thought to be about 13,000 British troops in the province.

Some observers saw the resolution as an attempt to remind Mr. Roy Mason, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to take more notice of the SDLP.

Slower increase forecast in world paper demand

BY JOHN LLOYD

WORLD DEMAND for paper will rise more slowly next year than in 1978, with a further upturn in 1980, according to a report out today.

The U.S. and Japan will lead the growth in the market as newspaper circulations increase, while demand in the UK will rise because of an increase in the volume of advertising.

The forecasts, published by Economic Models, the international forecasting consultancy, assume an upturn in world economic demand this year, a downturn next year and an upturn once more in 1980.

Six countries will provide about 72 per cent of the growth in world demand over the next few years—the U.S., Japan, the UK, West Germany, Canada and France.

By this group is newspaper circulations increase, forecast to exceed 13.5m tons compared to the present 12.2m tons.

UK consumption last year stood at 1.3m tons, about 5.8 per cent of total world demand, and the forecast sees steady growth to 1980. Consumption will rise by 3.8 per cent this year, fall to 1.7 per cent next year and rise sharply in 1980 to 4.3 per cent.

Bingham Report reviewed

BY JOHN LLOYD

SHELL, together with other oil companies, encouraged the United Socialist Anti-Racism research group lateral Declaration of Independence yesterday, was written by Mr. Dennis of the Smith Government Andrew Phillips, a City solicitor in Rhodesia in 1965, by indicating that they would try to evade oil of the sanctions was guaranteed from the outset because the UK according to a review of the Bingham Report.

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Rise in sales renews textiles confidence

BY RHYS DAVID

THE TEXTILE and clothing industry is showing renewed confidence over sales prospects in the coming months, says the latest joint Confederation of British Industry—National Economic Development Office state of trade survey.

With sales of clothing in the shops expanding rapidly this year, there has been a rise of optimism, particularly among manufacturers of end products.

There has also been an improvement in the orders reported by most of the 400 companies in the 23 sectors covered by the survey.

This trend is expected to continue, with all the end-product sectors and most upstream sectors hoping for a further rise in new orders.

The industry is, nevertheless, still working below capacity, although there was an improvement during the last four months in a majority of sectors.

Significantly, too, all end-product sectors and three upstream sectors expect employment to increase, and only one sector is not expecting a rise in overall output during the next few months.

The industry remains uncertain, however, over export prospects, with 12 sectors reporting more optimism than four months ago. A majority named price as the factor most likely to limit the ability to obtain export orders.

Significantly, too, the retail traders, which took part in a simultaneous survey, is somewhat less confident over prospects for textile and clothing sales.

The retail trade was particularly hopeful in July, when confidence was still relatively low in manufacturing, but has now reported a slowing down in sales of some products.

Men's and boys' clothing sales, according to the retail survey, are no longer rising and women's and girls' outer wear are performing less well than other clothing sectors.

Retailers, however, do report a continued strong sales pattern in children's wear and household textiles and stockpiling is taking place ahead of Christmas trade in most sectors.

Trends in Textiles and Clothing; NEDO, Millbank Tower, London, S.W.1.

Academics' company to exploit inventions

By David Fishlock, Science Editor

A NEW company to bring universities closer to industry and to help to exploit university ideas and inventions, has been set up by the University of Surrey.

The chairman of University Business Associates—a limited company—is Lord Roberts, chairman of Vickers and a former chancellor of Surrey University.

Its managing director is Mr. Kenneth Joyner, former general manager of properties for British Overseas Airways Corporation and designer of its jumbo-jet hangars at Heathrow. Also on the board is Professor Colin Robinson, head of Surrey's community department and an authority on North Sea oil.

The business world is nervous of academics, who it feels, cannot be pinned down to a business-like deal, said Mr. Joyner. His company planned to shoulder the responsibility on behalf of the academics.

It hoped to attract the support of other universities and, for that reason, had been set up at Heathrow, well away from the university campus.

He emphasised that the company would be working with the National Research Development Corporation, which it saw as the financiers of innovation.

It would draw up a contract with a university administration for the exploitation of an idea, and pass income back to the university. It would divide between its central funds and the inventors of the idea.

Indemnity plan further splits solicitors

THE BRITISH Legal Association is planning to establish a mutual Professional Indemnity Association. The scheme has not yet been approved by the Law Society, which operates its own scheme to insure solicitors against claims arising out of liability for negligence.

The association's scheme was announced at its autumn conference at Stratford-on-Avon at the weekend. It marks another stage in the rift between the association, whose membership consists of solicitors and the Law Society.

The society's Master Policy scheme, said Mr. S. P. Best, chairman of the association, obliged "the vast majority of careful solicitors to subsidise the alleged negligence of the few." But the society would not give its consent to an alternative scheme without a struggle.

According to Mr. Best, the underwriters of the Master Policy now faced some very big claims. Five alone added up to £4m.

Court action will test juggernaut control by counties

BY LYNTON McLAIN

BERKSHIRE County Council plans a High Court action next month on control of juggernaut lorries.

Meanwhile, a report today by the Freight Transport Association says that all but one of the county councils in England and Wales have abandoned plans for mandatory routing of lorries.

Victory for Berkshire on its right under a five-year-old Act of Parliament to ban lorries from selected 50 yards of road round Windsor would open the way for similar bans elsewhere.

West Yorkshire wants to ban heavy lorries from 13 bridges over the River Aire, to ease congestion in Leeds.

Cumbria wants to start a discretionary permit scheme banning some lorries from parts of the county.

Surrey is considering a ban on heavy lorries round Guildford. Many lorries excluded from parts of Berkshire have taken longer routes through Surrey.

The pro-lorry lobby is worried about the implications of a Berkshire victory in the court grounds.

Gas prices rose 29% for industrial users

BY SUE CAMERON

GAS PRICES for industrial users were 29 per cent higher in the second quarter of this year than 12 months before, according to the latest edition of the Energy for Industry and Commerce Bulletin.

The bulletin, published by the Information and Research Services, says coal prices were 11 per cent up and electricity prices 9 per cent up in the same period. But the price of gas oil for industrial users dropped by 1 per cent, while heavy fuel oil became 8 per cent cheaper.

The drop in heavy fuel oil prices reflected the fall in world oil prices caused partly by the lower value of the dollar.

The rise in industrial gas prices was the result of attempts to narrow the gap between gas prices and oil prices—the bulletin notes that several gas contracts are coming due for renewal.

Hotels 'run for staff' attacked

BY COLLEEN TOOMEY

HOTELS which seem to be run for the benefit of the staff and not the customers are being criticised by Mr. Egon Ronay in his latest guide to hotels and restaurants.

There was a disarming gap between "reception" and "welcome" in many hotels and more should be done to bring the two to a common denominator.

In Scotland and Ireland the small hoteliers would welcome the traveller, but in England you took your chances.

"These places are hostels of compromise: inexact alarm calls, haphazard telephone answer, limited hours of heating, thin blankets, small towels."

"Portage has almost vanished. Even at some luxury hotels it is embarrassingly inefficient. There is a private business within a business."

Britain's hotels, on average, were still superior to those in most countries. London was accepted worldwide as the leading hotel city.

The Ronay Gold Plate Awards this year go to the Ritz, London, as hotel of the year. The restaurant of the year is McCoy's Staddle Bridge, near Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Another report on the hotel and catering industry out today shows that the industry is still very much a women's domain. Manpower in the Hotel and Catering Industry from the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board, says that 72.7 per cent of the industry's 2.61m employees are female, with more than 44 per cent working part-time.

High costs undermine Statfjord oilfield viability

By John Lloyd

THE GOVERNMENT, together with the British National Oil Corporation, now believes that a big part of the Anglo-Norwegian Statfjord oilfield—being developed at a cost of more than £2bn and the largest in the North Sea—may not be commercially viable.

The Norwegian Government, which owns more than 85 per cent of the field, recently forecast that the rate of return from the second "B" platform would be 12 per cent, marginal in an industry where returns of 40-50 per cent are considered necessary because of the high risk.

It also forecasts a return of only 14 per cent for the "A" and "B" platforms together.

However, internal corporation forecasts now suggest that the "B" platform, which will account for 30 per cent of production, will show no effective rate of return at all, and will cover only the costs of exploitation.

Behind these forecasts lies a series of disagreements between the UK and Norway on the field's development. In particular, the UK side—which includes participation by the corporation, Conoco and Gulf—has an extremely low opinion of the project's management.

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Call for curbs on genetic engineering

By Colleen Toomey

INTERNATIONAL controls on the industrial exploitation of genetic engineering are desperately needed, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

"The bugs are no respecters of frontiers, channels or anything else as we all know from what has happened to rabies, for instance, as it comes towards the Channel ports."

Prison officers step up action over back pay

BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

PRISON OFFICERS yesterday stepped up industrial action over a pay claim after rejecting a peace move which came from Mr. Dennis Trovetyan, Director General of the Prison Service, who said the prison officers' grievances could be talked over at the Home Office.

More than 40 prisons are likely to be affected by the unofficial action, which will include overtime bans, curtailing of visits and a refusal to escort prisoners to and from jails.

The officers are taking it in support of back payments for meal breaks and it is being mounted in spite of an announcement by Mr. Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, of an independent inquiry into prisons.

Mr. John Rymen, Labour MP for Elyth, severely criticised Mr. Rees yesterday for "appealing complacency and non-chalance" towards the service.

In a letter to leading officials in the Prison Officers' Association he asks it nevertheless to urge their members not to take industrial action. It was utterly irresponsible, produced security risks and disrupted the orderly administration of criminal justice, he said.

Mr. Charles Irving, Conservative MP for Cheltenham, has written to Mr. Rees accusing the Home Office of treating prison officers in a shameful way.

A 1972 Home Office document stated quite clearly that prison officers were eligible for special payments for mealtime working, together with special bonuses.

"Prison officers have been effectively defrauded of these payments by the Prison Department," he said.

The frustration of prison officers, who did a difficult job on low pay, had built up to an explosive point and the problem could not be resolved until the back payments were paid.

The officers say that they are entitled to the payments through existing agreements. Some of the claims date from 1971 and average about £2,500 a man.

Industrial action is expected to vary a great deal between prisons. Brixton, Dartmoor, Holloway, Wormwood Scrubs, Leicester and Parkhurst are expected to be affected, but officers at some jails, including Wakefield and Leeds, have refused to take part.

Wednesday rail chaos threat on Southern

SOUTHERN Region train drivers are to be asked to stage a series of one-day strikes and a senior ASLEF official said last night that they would bring "utter and complete chaos."

The action was decided yesterday at a meeting in Donford of footplate men's representatives protesting against the recent findings of the Railway Staff National Tribunal on productivity and responsibility payments, plus British Rail's proposed Business Performance Scheme.

A resolution called for stoppages on Wednesdays, November 22 and 29 and December 6, 13 and 20, then from January 2 every Tuesday and Wednesday "until our claims are reasonably met."

If the strike call is given the go-ahead, ASLEF's national executive committee will be asked to make the action official and national.

Mr. Derrick Fullbrook, a national executive member representing Southern Region drivers, said that even if the stoppages were not made official, they would still take place.

"The men are seething and if they go ahead it will be after some complete chaos, not only on the days of the strikes themselves but because of stock displacement, the day before and day after as well."

The Tribunal recommended only a £3.14 payment for high-speed train drivers per 100 mph plus trip. The Business Performance Scheme, which proposes a general pool of money from savings or from productivity increases, was rejected by ASLEF because it did not have any control over it.

Stationery Office 'needs help of consultants'

BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

PROPOSALS for improving industrial relations at St. Stephen's Parliamentary Press, part of the Stationery Office, are made in a report by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

The inquiry was at the request of the Stationery Office and the unions, the National Graphical Association and the National Society of Operative Printers, following a dispute last year.

A dispute involving the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades at the Stationery Office warehousing and bindery services has prevented distribution of most of its publications for eight weeks.

The ACAS report is not directly relevant to these services.

It says consultants should be brought in to help work out a productivity scheme at St. Stephen's Press, which prints Standard, the London Gazette and Acts of Parliament.

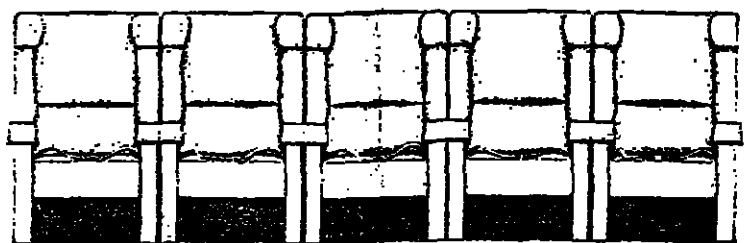
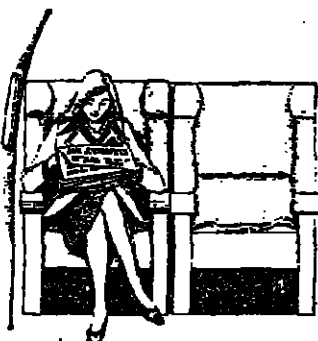
Rules and conditions of service should not be imposed without consultations involving the print unions. The Stationery Office should have some discretion to negotiate the application of Civil Service department rules, and time limits should be included in the present disciplinary procedure.

The report's proposals strengthened consultation procedures, including formation of a joint industrial committee, and better facilities for trade union chapels.

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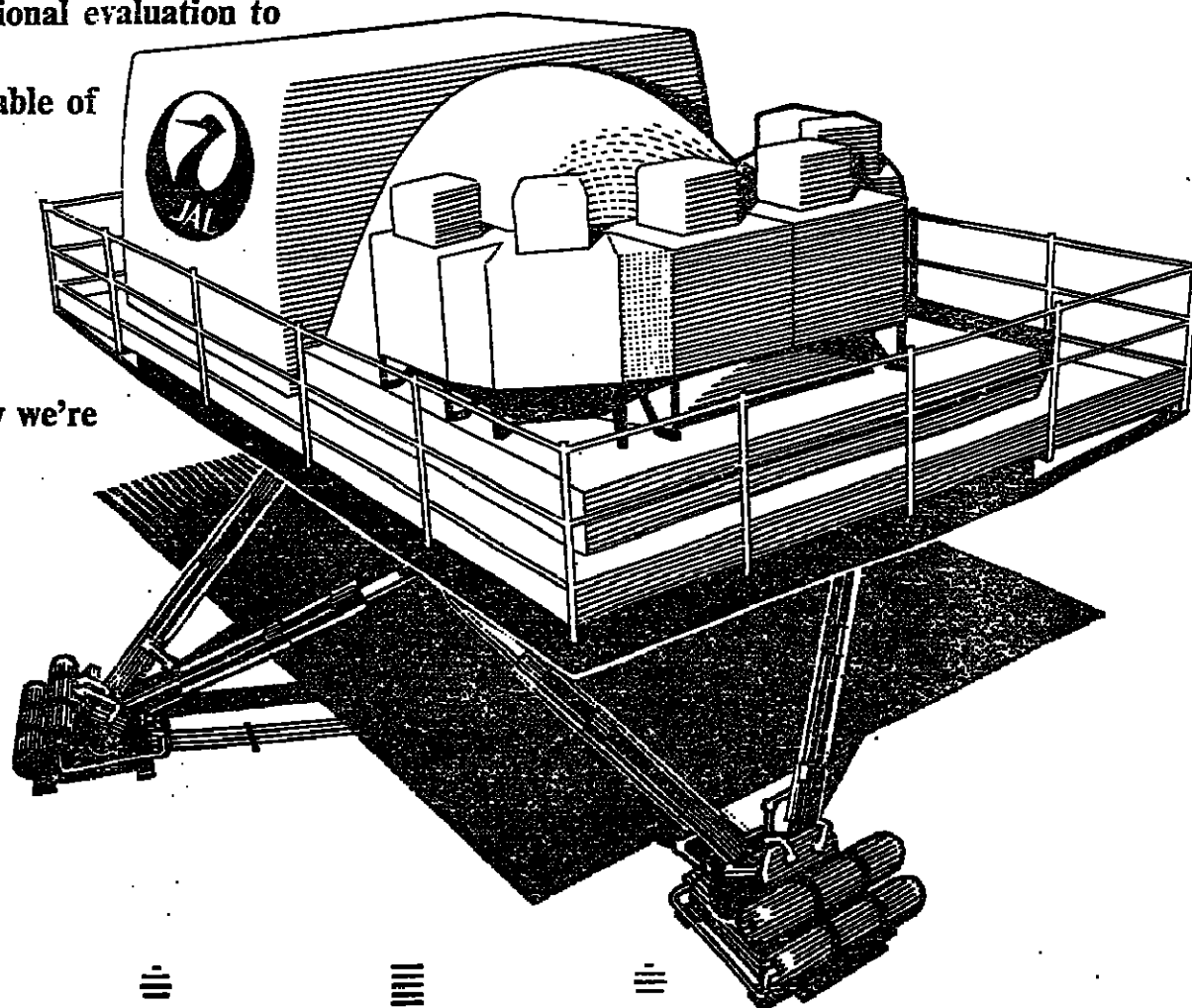
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Building and Civil Engineering

£15m Saudi Arabian awards

THE SAUDI Arabian Government has awarded a contract worth about £15m to Bovis Lend Lease for the construction of three schools, and warehousing, in Riyadh.

The schools—a boys' elementary, a girls' elementary and a boys' intermediate—will provide 2,250 new pupil places in a total of 75 classrooms with a combined floor area of 20,000 square metres.

Each of the schools will be of two-storey construction with its own multi-purpose assembly hall, and open-air theatre. Walkways at ground and first floor levels will face on to internal courtyards.

Also in the contract are sports facilities, external works, car parking and 2½ kilometres of fencing. All three schools will have pre-cast concrete frames, and a special factory will be set up on the spot to cast the structural and cladding units.

The warehouse part of the contract calls for the construction of three steel-frame buildings to replace existing ware-

housing which happens to occupy the site on which the new schools are to be built. Pre-construction work has already begun and the entire programme is due to be completed by the end of 1979.

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Over £20m to Cementation

LYNCH-PIN in a number of contracts won by Cementation is the £18m worth of work for the sinking of two shafts at the north Selby coalfield site. This award brings the involvement of the company at Selby to work on six shafts and two drift tunnels.

In this latest contract, the shafts will be 1,033 metres deep and 7.3 metres internal diameter. About four years is the time for completion, bearing in mind that particularly difficult geological formations will have to be tackled. Because these include such formations as Bunter Sandstone and Lower Magnesian Limestone, which are heavily watered, a combination of freezing and grouting techniques will be used.

Freezing procedures will be handled by Foraky, with whom Cementation has worked on a number of similar projects in the UK and overseas.

Next in monetary importance is a series of jobs amounting in total to £3m won by Robert Stevenson since the taking over of the company by Cleveland Bridge six months ago.

The company is supplying close on 6,500 tonnes of fabricated steel for four contracts: the desalination and power plant forming a section of the Jeddah power plant in Saudi Arabia; port frames and ancillary beams for Acornas steel mills in Brazil; floor beams for the LOT terminal in Warsaw; and structural steel for the Galesdair complex in Dubai.

Third group of contracting work is for £1.6m covering flood protection equipment to be installed at Tilbury. Main point of the scheme will be a 34-metre wide by 18-metre deep fabricated steel flap gate intended to protect the entrance to Tilbury Docks in the event of a serious flood threat.

Wimpey has £1.4m Rolls-Royce job

TWO CONTRACTS, jointly valued at £1.4m, have been awarded to George Wimpey by Rolls-Royce Motors at Crewe. The larger of these is worth £920,000, and is for the erection of a stores building of portal frame construction.

The second contract consists of a 1.3 square metre workshop with two-storey annex of load bearing brick construction.

£15½m for Balfour Beatty Floor unit factory

THE Department of Transport has awarded a £15½m contract to Balfour Beatty Construction (a member of the Balfour Beatty Group of BICC) for the London-Portsmouth trunk road, A31/Burpham-Ladyhead Division. The work includes construction of 6.3km of dual carriageway diversion together with seven bridges, two major culverts, two footbridges, diaphragm retaining walls, reinforced earth ramp, and diversion of the River Wey.

Work should be completed within about two years.

Another contract, worth £5m, covers construction of the Aberdeen sea outfall tunnel. The work comprises a 2.5 metre diameter tunnel—about 10 kilometres long—equipped with a 70 metre deep shaft and ten diffuser shafts drilled into the sea bed.

This job is already under way and is due for completion in 1982.

Architects for the development are Carl Fisher and Partners.

£5m warehouse contract

AN AUTOMATED warehouse is to be built in Leeds, Yorkshire, by Kay and Co. The unit is a subsidiary of Great Universal Stores. Value of the contract, which has been awarded to Higgs and Hill, is £5m.

The 315,000-sq-ft building will be erected on a freehold site purchased from Leeds Corporation adjacent to Kay's existing premises in Sweet Street and Marshall Street. Site work has started and Higgs and Hill expects to complete the contract in 1980.

Architects for the development are Carl Fisher and Partners.

IN BRIEF

Three major orders, together worth nearly £1m, have been gained by Woods Construction. The largest, at £923,177, is for the fourth unit factory to be built on the Castleham Industrial Estate at Hastings, Sussex, for the local borough council. A second scheme at Phoenix Causeway, Lewes, worth £338,405, has been awarded to ICFC, and work has already started on a project in excess of £164,000 on a development at Mill Road, Worthing, Sussex for the Chichester Diocesan Housing Association.

Under contracts worth nearly £1m, Lesser Construction will design and build a technical centre for Borg Warner Chemicals at Grangemouth, Scotland; worth £328,000; and provide two of its low maintenance PS4 - System Buildings, at £170,000, for British Aerospace's product support department at Preston.

The largest order ever won by the Sussex and Cornwall-based drilling rig manufacturer, Duke and Ockendon (member of the John Mowlem group) has come from Iran. It is for £1m and calls for 40 trailer-mounted Dando 800 rigs each complete with two sets of tools.

A new company, Calneco Fabrication, has been formed as part of the Aberdeen Construction Group, and will be managed as part of the group's civil engineering division—William Tawse.

Two schemes carried out by Sheppard Construction have taken two of this year's Awards for Good Design in Housing. The awards are given by the Department of the Environment and have gone to the company for its York and North Eastern regions' work on two schemes: the Henknowle Farm Estate development at Richmond Auckland, and student residential accommodation at Norfolk Park, Sheffield.

John Long has started work on a £250,000 contract to erect two industrial buildings for Sheridan Estates at Tunbridge Wells.

A member company of Aberdeen Construction Group, Alexander Hall and Son (Builders) has been awarded a £1m contract by the City of Aberdeen District Council for the erection of houses in the third phase of the city's South Sheddokley development.

Five contracts, totalling over £1m have been won by building contractors in the Barwick Group for work in Kent. These include modernisation and repairs to dwellings in Ramsgate; extension to Boots the Chemist's retail premises in High Street, Hythe; conversion to an army barracks building in Canterbury; work on a new welfare block for Kent County Council; and conversion and improvement to industrial buildings for Sheridan Estates at Tunbridge Wells.

Surveys in Spain

THE JUNTA de Energía Nuclear in Spain has awarded a contract worth 96m pesetas (about £80,000) for airborne geophysical surveys to the Compañía Española de Aerofotogrametría Aeronáutica (CEAFA) S.A. in conjunction with Hunting Geology and Geophysics of Borehamwood, Herts, England.

The surveys will comprise 60,000 line kilometres of flyovers over the Ebro, Tago and other basins and adjacent areas.

CEAFA will provide and operate two Piper Aztec aircraft and Hunting will provide geophysical instrumentation and supporting services, including compilation and interpretation of the data at its UK office.

Houses in Lancs.

THE Central Lancashire Development Corporation has awarded a contract worth about £3.3m to Henry Boot Construction for housing at Clayton Brook, near Chorley, Lancs.

There will be 265 houses and flats for renting which have been designed by Robert Matthew, Johnson-Marshall and Partners.

Work starts this month and the scheme should take around two years to complete.

McAlpine at Maidstone

LESS THAN two years after completing the first stage of the Stoneborough Shopping Centre at Maidstone, Kent, Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons has been awarded a £4m contract for the phase 2 extension by the Prudential Assurance Company.

An additional 17,500 square metres of retail shopping space will be provided within a reinforced concrete frame, externally clad with brickwork and precast units. Car parking will be catered for on the roof of the 20 metres high extension.

Much of the 21,000 cubic metres of excavation involved will take place adjacent to a listed building and a bored pile wall will be constructed to support the foundations.

Work begins at once with completion programmed for late 1980.

Homes will be improved

CONTRACTS worth £2.1m in the West Midlands, Teesside and the north-west have been won by D. T. Bullock and Company.

Most of the contracts on which work is now beginning are for house improvements. Nearly 300 local authority dwellings at Wolverhampton, Stone, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Hartlepool will be modernised.

The company, which is a member of the D.T. Bullock Group, is also to construct flats at Tamworth, Staffs, and a factory for Washington Development at Tyne and Wear.

Water in Egypt

THE consortium set up to study the feasibility of providing water supplies in provincial areas of Egypt (reported on this page on October 30) includes Johnson-Marshall and Partners, John Taylor and Sons. It is regretted the latter was not included among those named as consortium members.

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Call for Tenders for Supplying the Equipment for a Dairy

Vojvodinska Banka, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, has received a loan from the World Bank in various currencies, equivalent to US\$7,000,000 toward the cost of the Second Agricultural Credit Project and intends to apply the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract to be concluded after International Competitive Bidding.

Therefore PRIMORJE EXPORT NOVA GORICA, Yugoslavia, by authorisation of KMETIJSKI KOMBINAT VIPAVA, TOZD KMETIJSKA PREDLAVA VIPAVA, the Employer, calls for tender to supply and to install equipment for a new dairy with a capacity of 50,000 litres of milk per day.

The Tender Documents will be available after the payment of:
—for the Bidders from abroad US\$100;
—for the Bidders from Yugoslavia Dinars 1.825;

to PRIMORJE EXPORT NOVA GORICA.
The payment for the release of the Contract Documents to be effected as follows:
—foreign currency payment in favour of the account of Primorje Export Nova Gorica, the account with Ljubljanska Banka, Temeljna Banka Nova Gorica No. 25730-DEVIZA-359;

—payment in Dinars in favour of the account of Primorje Export Nova Gorica, No. of account 25900-10504 with SDK in Nova Gorica, with the note: "for the release of Contract Documents."

Producers from the member countries of IBRD and Switzerland have the right of participation in the International Tendering. The deadline for Bids acceptance according to this advertisement is 10 a.m. on the 15th January 1979, and the public Bids will be opened the same day at 12.00 noon local time in the premises of Primorje Export Nova Gorica.

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

The Electricity Department of the Government of the British Virgin Islands proposes to purchase a diesel-driven alternator with a radiator cooling system in the range of 2,200-2,500 KW.

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Interested suppliers in member countries of the Caribbean Development Bank are invited to submit their qualifications to supply the above equipment by providing the following information:

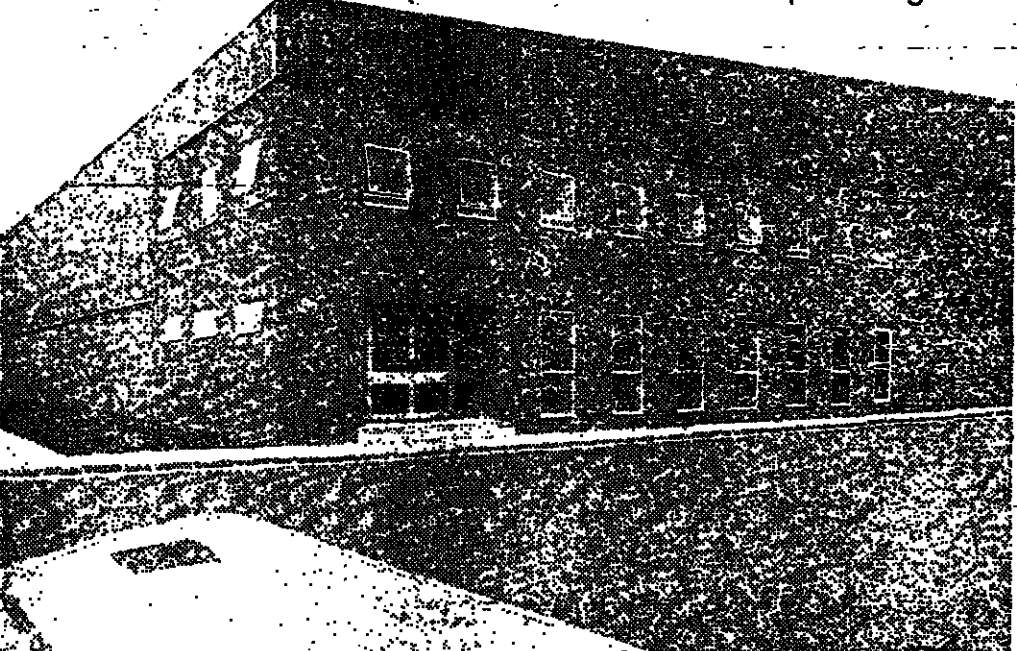
- Description and capacity of manufacturing facilities.
- Components usually sub-contracted.
- Availability of spares and services in the British Virgin Islands.
- Latest annual reports and balance sheet.
- Experience with similar equipment, including list of customers where similar equipment is in service.
- Approximate delivery schedule.

The above information is to be submitted by Monday, 11 December 1978 in duplicate to the following address:
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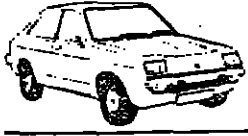


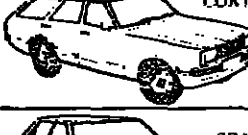

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LOMBARD

American grandfathers

BY MICHAEL BLANDEN

THE ENTHUSIASM shown by British and other non-U.S. banks this year for expanding their business in the North American market owes something to the attractions of buying cheap assets following a decline in the dollar and in Wall Street prices. Though bankers are not too willing to talk about it, however, an important incentive has also been given by the prospect that the U.S. legislators would finally agree on new rules to control the operations of the rapidly expanding foreign banks.

The key word is "grandfathering." This is the method used to avoid the retrospective application of new regulations in the U.S. In the banking context it means that under the Bill which went through Congress this summer foreign banks which already enjoy the privilege of running offices in more than one State will be able to retain their present representation. Among others, an important beneficiary will be Barclays with branches for example in New York, California and Illinois. And for other foreign banks the prospect of increasing restriction on their activities in the U.S. has provided a strong reason for getting in before the door is closed.

Long debate

On the whole, the foreign banks appear to have come quite well out of the long debate over their position in the U.S. market. They have so far enjoyed a number of advantages in relation to the domestic U.S. bankers. They have been able to operate branches in more than one State, something that is not permitted to their American rivals except for the conduct of international business. They have been largely free of the costly requirements of being members of the Federal Reserve system as far as their own branches are concerned. And they have been able to buy local banks which would be out of bounds for many of their main U.S. rivals because of anti-trust regulations. Indeed, foreign banks have in a number of instances been positively encouraged to step in when U.S. banking institutions have met difficulties.

The grandfather clauses will protect their existing interstate branching, and in other respects the legislation appears a good deal less harsh than might have happened if the more vigorous opponents of foreign banks had their way. Nevertheless, the British and other foreign banks will have to get used to being

In the throes

National Westminster, now in the throes of buying National Bank of North America, will certainly settle for New York Standard Chartered, which is acquiring Union Bancorp, for example in New York, California and Illinois. And for other foreign banks the prospect of increasing restriction on their activities in the U.S. has provided a strong reason for getting in before the door is closed.

Nevertheless, once the new rules come into effect, the foreign banks will no longer be able to spread across the U.S. with the same freedom that they have enjoyed in the past. Moreover, they are expected to be brought within the supervisory net to the extent of having to provide deposit protection and to make deposits with the Federal Reserve in line with their domestic competitors.

It has taken some five years to get to the present stage: views within the U.S. itself vary widely, with the smaller regional banks generally wanting tighter controls but with the big international money centre banks favouring liberalisation in their own interests. Attitudes among regulatory authorities differ, too, with some state banking supervisors supporting the liberal view because they want to encourage foreign banks to enter their own local markets.

During the five years, assets of foreign banks in the U.S. have risen from \$37bn to \$80bn, and will increase further after the latest round of acquisitions for the future, therefore, the foreign banks including the British will certainly be faced with continued public interest in their activities, and probably with increasing pressure to conform with U.S. controls and disclosure practices.

THE WEEK IN THE COURTS

Problems in erosion of cherished notion

BY JUSTINIAN

ON THURSDAY, by a majority decision, the House of Lords in *Barclays Bank Ltd v. The Council of the British Bankers' Association* made substantial inroads into the cherished notion that barristers enjoy a comfortable and comprehensive immunity from being sued for any professional shortcomings.

This will undoubtedly delight all enemies of professional privilege, who tend to regard barristers with the horror of a spectre of pin-striped yetis. But before indulging prematurely in frenetic expressions of joy or gloom, it seems sensible to explore the circumstances and assess the implications and consequences of this momentous decision.

It all started with a road accident on March 26, 1968. Mr. Sugden was driving his children to school in his husband's car and collided with a van in which Mr. Akram was the driver and Mr. Ali a passenger.

Both Mr. Akram and Mr. Ali were injured and away from work for many months. Mrs. Sugden was subsequently prosecuted, and on October 18, 1968, she pleaded guilty to having driven without due care and attention on the occasion of the accident.

On November 14, 1968, Mr. Ali's original solicitors, who had instructed a barrister to advise on the matter and settle proceedings, issued a writ claiming damages against her husband, which was served on the family.

On April 22, 1974, as a result of the advice of leading counsel, Mr. Ali's solicitors served notice of discontinuance of the proceedings.

Before that date, the time limit for any proceedings based on Mr. Ali's personal injuries had long expired, and no proceedings had ever been started on his behalf against Mr. Akram or Mrs. Sugden.

This sad saga might be regarded as a cogent argument for substituting State compensation for serious injuries suffered by accident victims, regardless of individual liability for a system of litigation based on proof of personal fault.

Alternatively, there is much to be said for granting the courts power to relax, in suitable cases, the rigid operation of strict time limits for civil proceedings.

However, on September 19, 1974, Mr. Ali started proceedings against his original solicitors. They lost on May 29, 1976, started third party proceedings against his original barrister, whom Mr. Ali then joined as a defendant to his proceedings. A preliminary issue arose in the proceedings, namely whether the barrister was legally immune from being sued for all or any of the acts of negligence alleged against him.

Those who included allegedly "failing to advise" Mr. Ali that he should take proceedings against Mr. Sugden and/or Mrs. Sugden and/or Mr. Akram, and advising that proceedings should be issued against Mr. Sugden only.

For the purposes of the preliminary issue, it was assumed that the allegations of negligence against the barrister were correct, that his negligence resulted in damage to Mr. Ali, and that the solicitors were entitled to an indemnity or contribution from the barrister. None of these assumptions may subsequently or ultimately be proved or decided to be correct.

Until the majority decision of the House of Lords, it was generally understood that a barrister could not be sued for negligence in any preliminary advice that he or she gave as to the parties to litigation or the prospects of success or any other matter connected with litigation pending or contemplated.

Indeed, Lord Denning, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Bridge had so ruled when Mr. Ali's case came before the Court of Appeal.

The basis of their decisions was that barristers have a duty to the court, that public policy requires a barrister to perform a function of being a legal sieve and that, if he happens to make a mistake in performing that function, he should not be liable for negligence.

When Mr. Ali's case came to the House of Lords, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Diplock and Lord Salmon decided that there were no sufficient grounds of public policy for granting a barrister immunity for what he or she did outside court in advising about litigation or settling documents for use in litigation except to a limited extent.

The immunity for acts out of court should be related to the barrister's immunity for acts in court. All three Law Lords adopted a formulation suggested in the New Zealand Court of Appeal. The test was that "each case of professional work should be tested against the one rule that the protection exists only where the particular work is so

intimately connected with the conduct of the case in court that it can fairly be said to be the preliminary decision affecting the way that case is to be conducted when it comes to the hearing.

Lord Justice Bridge had decided in the Court of Appeal that all acts of negligence alleged against the barrister fell within the scope of this limited immunity. But the three Law Lords came to the contrary conclusion.

This indicates that the test is not so clear as to be incapable of giving rise to different conclusions among different distinguished judges.

It is no doubt logical that if doctors, accountants, surveyors and solicitors are liable for professional negligence, barristers should also be liable. Otherwise, some strange state of affairs would obtain in which the law by any standards is an extraordinary profession. Its practitioners are always anxious to voice the highest principles of fairness and impartiality to themselves.

Nevertheless, one obvious criticism of the new judicial diminution of a barrister's immunity is that it sacrifices clarity and certainty on the altar of logic.

Further criticism is that it will inevitably result in an increase in the cost of premiums for professional negligence indemnity policies which, in turn, will lead to an increase in professional fees and a corresponding increase in the cost of litigation.

Moreover, a barrister stands on his or her own. Unlike a doctor in a public hospital, he or she has no area authority behind him or her. Unlike a solicitor, an accountant, architect or surveyor, he or she cannot form a partnership. His or her sole protection will be the professional negligence indemnity policy if any taken by him or her or the chambers to which he or she belongs.

A majority decision of the House of Lords is likely to give rise to several complicated problems which will have to be faced by the legal profession.

One is the scope of the limits to the immunity. Another is the need for guidelines indicating what categories of professional negligence and reconciling all or any of the conflicting interests between the barrister's duty to his or her client, and his or her duty to the court.

Yet another will be the difficulties of proving that any alleged professional negligence of a barrister has caused any alleged damage to a profession or by client.

A cynic might well conclude that the ultimate effect of this latest extension of the areas of professional negligence is to create an inferno for lawyers for the sake of a paradise for insurance brokers.

TENNIS BY JOHN BARRETT

British Wightman women give our men a boost

CLEARLY 1978 will be remembered as a golden year for British tennis teams. Following hard on the heels of the men's emergence in the final of the Davis Cup for the first time in 41 years, the women last week scored one of those rare Wightman Cup wins against the odds, that left us breathless, exhausted, but immensely exhilarated.

In this 50th anniversary meeting between the women of Britain and the U.S. staged with imagination and style at the Royal Albert Hall under the sponsorship of Carnation Foods, it was perhaps fitting that the destiny of the late Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman's famous silver vase should have remained in doubt until the last moment.

When the last doubles match came to court, the two teams were level at three rubbers all. The British pair, Miss Wade and Miss Wade, had won two singles matches (6-2, 6-1 against Sue Barker in the opening rubber, and 6-0, 6-1 against Virginia Wade on Saturday), a chillingly wide execution of the tie.

It was left to Billie Jean King, playing only in doubles in her tenth match since 1971, to capture the third American rubber. Urging, cajoling and encouraging her 15-year-old partner, Tracy Austin, she had engineered a 6-1, 6-2 victory over the American pair, Miss Wade and Miss Wade, on the middle day.

If this win had been expected, at least the manner of it reflected great credit on the scratch British pairing and on the team coach, Roger Taylor, whose presence in the captain's chair at the Royal Albert Hall on the third day was an inspiration to the team.

When Miss Evert dismissed Miss Wade with such majestic skill on Saturday (I cannot recall seeing her play at such a sustained high level before), to give the United States a 3-2 lead, there

were few among the 4,500 spectators who believed that Miss Barker could prevent Miss Evert from clinching the 41st American victory in the series.

So patchy has been the Devon girl's form this year, as she slid from fifth to 24th in the world rankings, that it was generally believed her erratic attacking game would founder against the firm defences of the double-handed Californian prodigy. But most experts who witnessed the final of the Wightman Cup believed that this could be the turning point in Miss Barker's career.

Apart from a lapse at the start of the second set, when she lost four successive games, the famous forehand was at its punishing best—cracking winners at all points of the compass—no mean achievement on the slow Supreme carpet surface, against one of the best ground-stroke players in the game. Despite her tender years, Miss Austin is already a formidable player. She is ranked No. 4 in America and now stands in fifth position on Women's Tennis Association computer ranking list.

Miss Barker's forehand volley clinched a memorable win for Britain that was only the 10th success since the matches began in 1923 and the eighth on British soil.

In this sort of mood it is too much to expect that Britain will beat the Americans again to capture the Davis Cup? Before they attempt that feat next month, the women could give them further encouragement by taking their first Federation Cup at Melbourne later this month.

A week or so ago, these possibilities would have seemed unlikely. Now, with Paul Hutchins's teams showing such belief in themselves, anything is possible.

Slazenger Sue
Sue Barker, the 22-year-old Devon tennis player, has contracted to play with Slazenger rackets for the next three years.

RUGBY UNION BY PETER ROBBINS

All Blacks will keep attacking, says manager Thomas

IT WAS a hard week for the All Blacks, what with losing to the Springboks in the first Test, and then to the Irish in the second, and just scrapping home against Ireland, 10-6, on Saturday.

The crushing winning try from Duffin, the hooker, came with 10 minutes to go, and again the All Blacks were under pressure. What happened is now history.

It was not repeated at Lansdowne Road. The game there, if anything, was played in a good spirit and was well refereed by Mr. Verrill, who for the first time in his career, the referee, the All Blacks manager, remarked how pleased he was to see referees blowing up when players go over the ball.

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The Executive's and Office World

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Nicholas Leslie reports on the workings of a computer-based management system

Boeing: keeping an eye on itself

MANAGEMENT systems per se "don't necessarily work," maintains Joseph Lindsley, a surprising statement to come from someone who, as assistant controller of Boeing, the major U.S. aircraft manufacturer, has been largely responsible for creating the company's Executive Information Services system.

The system, which is computer-based, is designed to help management choose the best way to steer the company in the right direction.

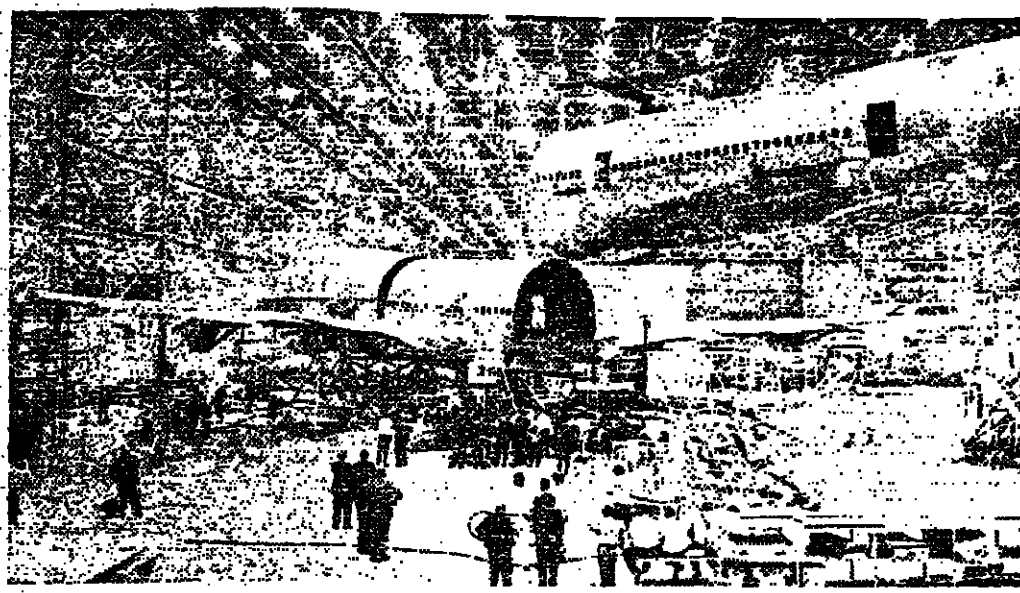
Lindsley believes passionately in the merits of the system he has developed, and for a variety of reasons. For example, he says that it means his company now knows so much about its resources and capabilities that a repeat of the very serious problems that it encountered in 1969 following the introduction of the 747 Jumbo jet would be impossible. At that time the company faced, firstly, a build-up of unfinished aircraft because of repeated design changes and poor stock control, and second, a collapse in its market when the world's airlines suddenly stopped buying 747s.

Intellectual

Another reason for his enthusiasm seems almost too basic. He believes that "the real payoff for Boeing is the availability of an elementary clerical function leading to an increasing intellectual content of jobs." In a wider context, he maintains that "we spend a lot of money educating our children, and if we are going to capitalise on that we are going to have to provide the intellectual opportunities for them."

Boeing's executive information services system (EIS) has been developed over the past 10 years to help its management operate in what has become an increasingly complex industry.

In a recent paper, Mr. Lindsley put it as follows: "A smoothly running medium-sized aircraft has about 100,000 unique parts, which are assembled into a few thousand sub-assemblies and a



A Boeing 747 under construction at the Everett, Washington, plant.

few major assemblies. To get out of square one, an aerospace company must design and test the entire product concept. The product concept must be structured into individual parts and assemblies. Each part and assembly must be tested many ways. Then, a source for raw and semi-finished materials must be located.

He went on to illustrate how the company must then establish a schedule and a plan for each part and then see whether it had the machinery to build each part. It must also find the place to put the machinery. New facilities might be required and it would be necessary to assess what skills would be needed.

Finally, said Mr. Lindsley in his paper, "the company must organise and schedule the skills, abilities and resources of all in-house organisations, suppliers and sub-contractors so that the entire design and

ing to Lindsley. He therefore believes that management can no longer rely on subjective assessments of the possible directions a company should take based purely on personal experience. Instead, it must have a grasp of an increasing number of alternatives, from which the most appropriate solution for the future can be extracted. To achieve this, certain tools are required and, says Lindsley, EIS provides such a tool.

Computer programs, which can be made comprehensible to non-computer specialists, can be worked out to enable different management groups within a company to work out a viable set of alternatives within the context of the resources of the group as a whole.

Thus, there should be less working in the dark. For example, Lindsley points out that Boeing is very dependent upon particular specialist en-

gineers. In planning any strategy for the future it must therefore take account of how many such engineers it already has and how many are available outside the company. If there is a shortage which cannot be corrected, a particularly expansionist course of action would not be feasible.

The computer models which Boeing creates "distill what we know of the business," says Lindsley. They enable a lot of people to review and criticise what the company has done and what it should do. In the past such decisions have been called judgments, he says. "We want to quantify those judgments."

Lindsley does not, however, suggest that the system is an alternative to experience, which explains his comment that systems per se do not necessarily work. "You have to have people who are able to look at the whole and this comes with knowledge and experience," he

says, adding that "people's intuitive judgment is often good. Our model enables one to take out the clerical part of the work and give one more time for intellectual thinking."

As yet, Boeing does not have an overall corporate model which covers aircraft manufacture, as well as its interests in aerospace, boats and rapid-transit systems. However, Lindsley feels that the data base is relatively complete in that Boeing has a good knowledge of all the resources it uses in aircraft manufacture. It is continually adding to its data base for its 747, 737, 727 and 707 aircraft.

Boeing is now looking to the future with a new range of economy aircraft—the 737 and 767. These require an investment of more than \$3bn (£1.5bn), which is the company's biggest financial commitment since the 747. For this "we have already done our resource requirements and have made three alternative predictions," says Lindsley. This means assessments have been done of what would happen in conditions of boom, middle of the road and when "going out of business."

Integrate

Given the work Boeing has put into its computerised management system it is hardly surprising that it sells its facility to other companies, a move which not only brings in revenue, but "enables us to improve our own capability," says Lindsley. "We feel that the use of modern computing machines is going to become a more necessary ingredient of business management. Those who don't integrate this in their management approach are going to wish they had."

Why blacklisted companies may turn to the EEC for help

BY PROFESSOR T. C. DAINTITH

BLACKLISTED British companies, excluded from public contracts because they do not observe the Government's pay policy, have no effective remedy under UK law. But they may find consolation and help in EEC law under which blacklisting appears to be illegal.

In domestic law, there are no effective legal constraints on the discretion of Government in placing contracts. However, the allocation of Government contracts is also a matter of keen concern to the institutions of the EEC. Though the reason for this is the danger of discrimination against foreign tenderers in public purchasing, EEC directives also co-ordinate contracting procedures and criteria. In this way the directives limit the discretions of contracting authorities which might be used in a discriminatory way.

These directives on the conduct of open or restricted tenders apply to most contracts of central government, of local authorities, and of certain other public bodies, whose value exceeds a threshold figure (£660,000 for public works contracts, £130,000 for supply contracts).

The grounds of disqualification include bankruptcy, conviction of an offence involving professional misconduct, unfulfilled social security or tax obligations. None is wide enough to include non-compliance with a voluntary incomes policy. Since the disqualification grounds stated in the directives must, to have any effect, be imitative, it follows that blacklisting—that is, the practice of identifying and disqualifying in advance firms which have breached the pay policy—is contrary to the directives.

It may also be argued, though with less conviction, that the requirement introduced in February that all tenders for Government contracts be accompanied by an undertaking to observe the incomes policy (or any future incomes policy) likewise contravenes the directives by introducing a criterion for the award of contracts different from those recognised by the directives—that is to say, either the lowest tender or the most economically advantageous tender. However, this could be countered by the argument that a contractor's willingness to adhere to the pay policy provides an element of economic advantage to Government.

It could also be objected that these directives were designed to promote intra-Community trade and to protect contractors from other member-states; not to provide UK contractors with a weapon to resist the application to them of a purely domestic economic policy in circumstances where there may be no element of competition from other EEC contractors at all. This is true, but we are dealing here with harmonisation directives promulgated under Article 100, which work not by prohibiting discrimination directly but by setting up common regimes within which discrimination is inhibited. There is no reason why UK contractors, no less than say French or German ones, should not take advantage of the restrictions on Governmental discretion which are an inherent and necessary part of the EEC regime established for public tenders.

Such contractors, can, however, only assert these restrictions directly, in our courts, if policy—is contrary to the directives.

have direct effect; if, that is, they are capable of creating rights in individuals to which national courts must give effect, and this is more likely now than it was a few years ago.

The reason for the change is the increasing readiness with which the European Court of Justice attaches the attribute of direct effect to Treaty provisions and to directives. Most striking in this regard was its 1977 decision in the so-called *Capital Goods* case, in which it recognised as directly effective two articles of the second directive on the harmonisation of value-added tax. The result was that a Dutch organisation was able to challenge Dutch implementing legislation on the ground that it made a wider derogation than was permitted by a directive from the principle of the deductibility of VAT on inputs which the directive likewise laid down.

The directive on public tenders, like the source of the VAT rules, too, was a harmonisation directive. In the *Capital Goods* case the sole source of the rights asserted by the claimant, and there was no element of discrimination against a foreign company. Relying on this decision a UK contractor might very well argue that the EEC rules on participation in tenders for public works and public supply contracts confer on him a right not to be disqualified from tendering on grounds other than those specified in the directives.

If his argument were successfully exploited by contractors (or would-be contractors) it could seriously inhibit the use by Government of the procurement process as an instrument of regulation.

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The personnel manager comes into his own

JUST OVER a week ago the burghers of the Yorkshire town of Harrogate found themselves invaded by that strange breed of manager—those from the personnel department.

Strange, because few know quite what they do, and yet they seem to have carved themselves a niche within many companies from which they cannot be budged, for hardly anyone understands their function.

Over 2,000 of them descended on Harrogate for the Institute of Personnel Management's national conference and for two days they debated, discussed and chewed over more than 40 different topics, from unemployment to differentials and the more abstruse subjects like "Career development counselling" to "Retirement—a trauma or a time to look forward to?"

If anyone doubts the inexorable rise of the personnel manager, he should turn to the latest salary survey by Computer Economics on Personnel and Financial Functions. According to this survey, the average salary for top executives in personnel at Board level is over £17,000 a year, and for those not on the Board it is above £13,000. The average executive manager earns £9,608; he is someone defined by the survey as senior, who makes a significant contribution to policy and whose day-to-day role is mainly interpretative.

SALARY STRUCTURE

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	
	Average income £
Executive director	17,171
Executive non-director	13,167
Executive manager	9,608
Senior officer	7,290
Experienced officer	5,585
Junior officer	4,375

ACCOUNTANTS	
	Average income £
Finance director	16,096
Company secretary	12,879
Financial manager	12,913
Divisional manager	9,605
Department manager	7,510
Junior accountant	4,541

Source: Computer Economics

Inevitably in large companies these figures are markedly higher. In companies with a turnover in excess of £75m the average top executive salaries are: £19,108 at Board level, £14,330 for the non-director, and the personnel manager on £9,852. Even at the lowest level the junior personnel officer received an average £4,465 in the larger companies.

Ronald Campfield, managing director of Computer Economics draws attention to the way the personnel department has caught up with the financial function, where the average financial director earns £18,066.

the company secretary £13,879 and overall financial manager £12,913. In large companies the comparable figures are £20,419, £17,124 and £13,977 and at the most junior level it is £4,513. Personnel, notes Campfield, is no longer the "poor relation."

Among personnel staff, qualifications do not appear to have a significant bearing on salaries earned. Less than half the personnel directors surveyed were members of the Institute of Personnel Management and they had an average salary of £18,998.

Those in the same position, but with degrees or MBAs averaged £17,098 and "other qualifications" £17,701.

The most senior personnel managers have been making swift advances on fringe benefits. This year 98 per cent of personnel directors have a company car compared with 85 per cent last year. For the personnel executive who is not on the Board this too has risen sharply from 76 to 91 per cent. The equivalent levels in the accountancy area have risen less slowly but in the middle ranks far more staff there have cars than in personnel.

Survey of Personnel and Financial Functions is available from Computer Economics, 51, Portland Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. Price £68.

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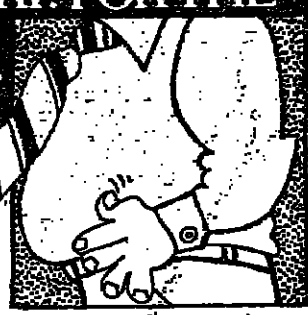
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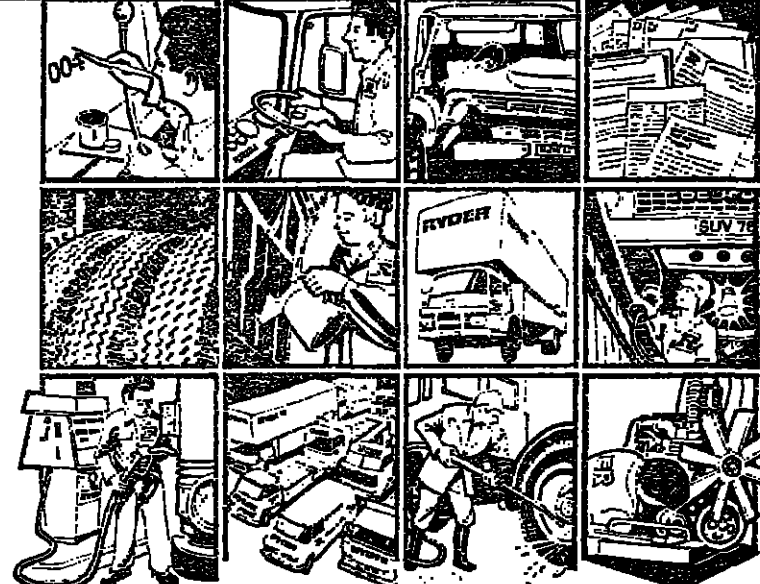
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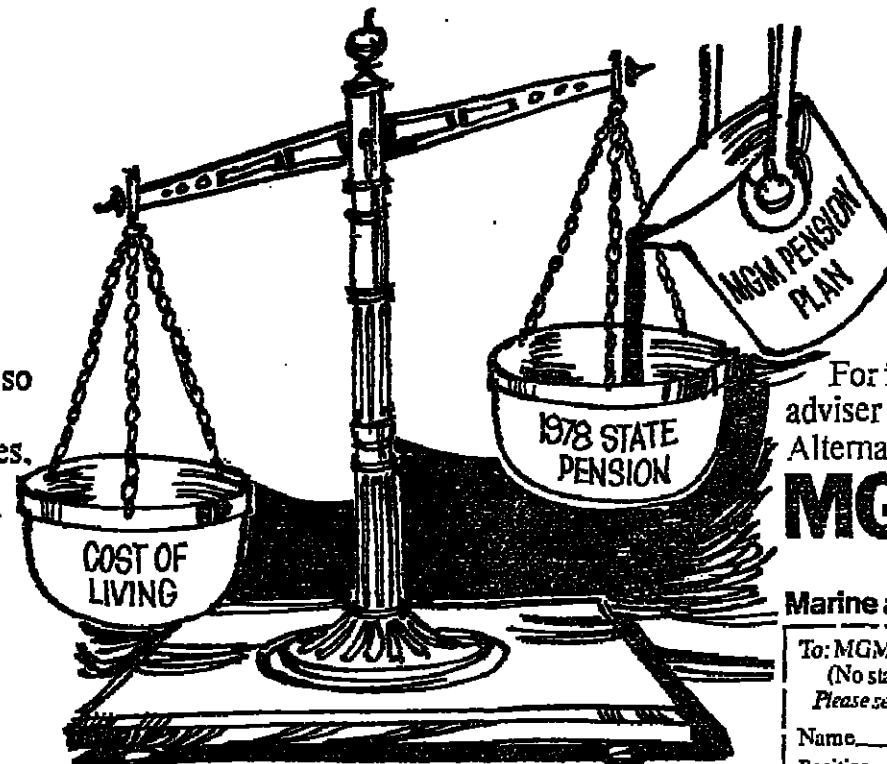
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Less troubled EEC waters

THE LONG, and so far fruitless, attempt to reach agreement on a new EEC fisheries policy has led to a great deal of acrimony between Britain and her Community partners over the past two years. There have been misunderstandings all round. The other Community members have almost certainly underestimated the importance, both economic and political, that the British Government attaches to achieving a satisfactory outcome. Many continental politicians are also unaware of the emotive power of the issue in island nations like Britain and Ireland. The British, for their part, have not always appreciated the depth of resentment in other capitals at the abrasive negotiating tactics of Mr. John Silkin. The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Major effort

Now, for the first time in many months, there are signs that a breakthrough may be in the offing. In bilateral talks, Britain and West Germany have agreed to make a major effort to solve the dispute—essentially over how far other countries will be allowed or denied access to Britain's large share of the Community "pond"—by the end of the year. If no progress has been made by the end of this month, the nine-nation summit in early December may want to take another look at the problem. The Germans clearly want to reach an agreement during the course of their six-month presidency of the Council, which they are due to relinquish in favour of France, on December 31. On the British side, Mr. Silkin has found his freedom of manoeuvre considerably increased by Mr. Callaghan's decision to postpone the general election.

Nevertheless, Mr. Silkin stressed at a Press conference in London last week that there is still a long way to go. This is true in the sense that any agreement made with the West Germans must of course be put to the other member states and agreed on a Community basis. But it is also true that the main elements of a possible compromise have been on the table for many months now and that one of the major remaining difficulties lies in its presentation. It has been obvious from the very beginning that the UK correcting this damaging impression is not going to get everything it

Every right

So far, the British fishing industry has remained solidly behind Mr. Silkin. While his tough tactics may have alienated his ministerial colleagues, they have at least until now secured his base at home. That is another good reason for seizing the present opportunity to reach a final settlement. The dispute has embittered relations between the UK and its partners for long enough, with the constant danger of the ill-will that has been generated spilling over into other policy areas. Britain has every right to insist on its fair share of the community's fisheries resources, and on proper conservation measures. Unfortunately, the way in which the Government has done so has only confirmed the suspicions of other countries that Britain is in the Community to grab and resents giving. Perhaps, once the fisheries dispute is settled, the UK will be able to set about the very beginning that the UK correcting this damaging impression is not going to get everything it

The price of staying out

MR. DENIS HEALEY, the European economies is a fact. It is impossible to discuss the made it fairly clear in his management problems which appearance before the Select Committee on Expenditure on Friday that the chances of independence to please the British joining the European Monetary System on present terms are remote.

Technical doubts about the scheme are widespread, so the decision is defensible. But the real issues have not yet been confronted, and the weaknesses would have remained even if British demands had been met.

Scepticism

Looking back over the last six months, there is little to be said for the British approach to the negotiations. It is even clearer now than it was at the start that the determination of the French and the Germans to go ahead was seriously underestimated. It was that failure of judgment which led to the British being bypassed in several of the key discussions. Paris and Bonn saw no reason to wait for so reluctant and grudging a partner. There was also a fashionable idea in Whitehall that it is somehow wrong to show enthusiasm for a scheme, the details of which are still being negotiated. This in turn weakened the British negotiating position still further. There was very little incentive to make concessions to a country whose basic attitude to the discussions was one of scepticism bordering on hostility. There was even less reason to take seriously a Chancellor of the Exchequer who publicly boasted that the British economy was fundamentally stronger than that of France.

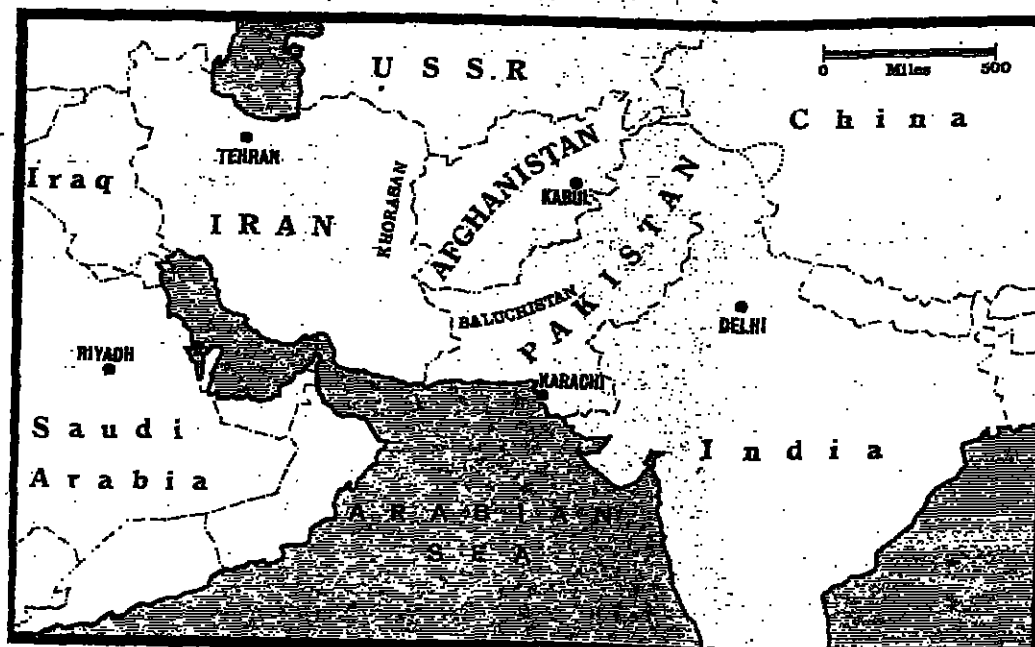
It is sometimes said that the British Government was obliged to behave in so half-hearted a manner because of the Labour Party. That may be partially true, but it is also a devastating comment on the Government. The mutual dependence of

Discipline

The problem of divergent rates of inflation cannot be solved in this way. It poses two questions which have not yet been faced in the discussions. The first is to find a way of making the parity adjustments, which will inevitably be needed without provoking excessive speculative flows of capital. The second is how to ensure that the intervention which will be needed in the markets does not undermine monetary policy. This means agreeing on a rule for co-ordinating national monetary policies within the EMS. Britain could still make a constructive contribution by getting these questions on the agenda; and if they could be resolved, the longer-term questions of agreement on fiscal policies and the balance of the EEC Budget could be raised in a meaningful context. These questions are central to the progress of the EEC itself. Sitting sceptically on the sidelines is no way of contributing to that progress.

Tinder boxes all in a row in Central Asia

By DAVID HOUSEGO, Asia Correspondent



THE CRISIS now developing in Central Asia has no parallel in the area since World War II. Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan, the three States in the pivotal position between Russia and the oilfields of the Gulf region, are all hovering near breakdown. In Iran, the scale of yesterday's violence could mark the beginnings of civil war.

Outside Europe, this is the part of the world in which both the West and the Russians—for obvious reasons of oil supplies and geography—see their security most directly affected and potentially in conflict. The Russians are also worried that their own large Muslim population will be caught up by the Islamic revival that is occurring throughout the Muslim world. Adding to the potential dangers is the fact that since the emergence of a more active Chinese foreign policy, the area has become a major focus of Sino-Soviet rivalry—as witnessed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng's attempts this summer during his trip to Tehran to scoop the Shah into his anti-Russian coalition after making what the Russians thought was a provocative visit to East Europe.

The ramifications of prolonged upheaval in this so-called "northern tier" of Asian countries—there have been periodic bouts of turmoil in each of them since the war but never, as at present, simultaneously—have spread even further. The Gulf States and Saudi Arabia see their security as intimately linked with what happens in the hinterland that divides them from Russia and China. And at one remove so does the rest of the Arab world. India, which has just made purchases of new fighter aircraft, feels vulnerable to the "repercussions" of instability in Pakistan and in a much more powerfully equipped Iran, as well as vulnerable to renewed Sino-Soviet rivalry on its borders.

For all the major outside players—the West, Russia and China—the status quo was preferable to the unpredictable consequences that could flow from the present train of events. But with each one nervous of being outmanoeuvred by the other, it is now almost inconceivable that they will leave the three central Asian States to find their own solutions to their domestic problems.

The U.S. and Britain have already been drawn deeply into the politics of Iran because of the strength of the misguided belief in that country that the American and British embassies carry more weight than almost anybody but the Shah. This belief lies behind the anguish calls by the Shah's regime in recent weeks for open statements of support from the

U.S. and Britain, to demonstrate that President Carter's human rights campaign was not intended to bolster opposition to the Shah and that Britain has not revived the alliance it struck with the Muslim Shiite clergy in the first decade of the century. A great many Iranians believe both propositions to be true.

In subsequently backing the Shah, the U.S. and Britain have strengthened his chances of survival. Their hope was that the agitation on the streets would die down, giving the Shah a breathing space to carry through his programme of establishing a more broadly-based regime through new elections to the Parliament and a more independent cabinet. The risk was that such support in face of the depth of hostility to the Shah's regime would only prolong the unrest and greatly add to the final cost in terms of bloodshed and damage to the economy.

Yesterday's violence in Tehran and the attack on the British Embassy have borne out these fears. Coming in the wake of a backlash of anti-British and anti-American feeling that has already resulted in cutbacks in oil production, potentially damaging to the West, it inevitably adds to the pressure to review that policy as the Shah becomes more of a liability than an asset to stability. The restraint in making any such change of tack is that it may now be too late to try and find a new accommodation between the army, the Shiite clergy and the opposition that was focused, for instance, around his son the Crown Prince.

The Russians, who have so far stood four square behind the Shah out of fear of the alternative, might be less reticent in abandoning what they could regard as a sinking ship.

With about 5,000 Russian advisers in Afghanistan—or about four times as many as there were before the April coup d'état—the USSR is even more deeply committed to propping up the fragile regime of President Nur Mohammad Tarakki. The Russians have greater experience even than the British in the 19th century of snuffing their ties with often bloody results in a vain attempt to control events in Afghanistan. It seems likely that they were sucked in far more deeply than they had intended out of fear that either the Communist movement in Afghanistan would be wiped out or else taken over by the Chinese, who also share a common border with the country.

The Iranian Government was certainly aware that the purge of pro-Communist sympathisers

in the armed forces and the civil service was risking a coup, and warned him accordingly. The Russians no doubt prefer Mr. Tarakki and they have had little option but to support him since the coup. But they are now allied to a regime deeply unpopular with the Muslim and tribal population, and committed to a textbook Marxist industrialisation programme so unrealistic that the publication of the new Five Year plan has been postponed to the spring and probably beyond.

The U.S. has now resumed aid to Pakistan in an effort to exert more leverage over the military regime of President Zia-ul-Haq. Aid was suspended when the former Prime Minister, Mr. Z. A. Bhutto, insisted on pressing ahead with the purchase from France of a nuclear reprocessing facility that the Americans rightly judged was intended to give Pakistan a military nuclear capability. That probably remains President Zia's cherished wish and one which, if he can no longer realise it through the French, he would hope to achieve with the help of China.

Similarities

Similarities between President Zia and former President Yahya Khan, whose brief period of power ended in war with India and the break-up of Pakistan, continue to grow. President Zia is also facing bitter passions—of a Moslem crusading zeal that fails to unite the country but worries Pakistan's neighbours of Punjab and Baluchistan. Their ambitions against Pathans and the country in 1953. Out Baluchistan, of supporters of the Russians sought to encircle it in 1971 by Treaties of Friendship with Iran and India. China backed Pakistan in its war with India in 1965 and 1971 and

There is no understanding between Russia and the West about Iran and the northern countries of the type that at least establishes some ground rules in the Arab-Israeli conflict. This emerged most clearly in the 1971 Indo-Pakistan conflict, when a lack of sufficient contact between Washington, Moscow, and Peking risked enlarging the war. It has re-emerged since greater.

Since the four-fold increase in oil prices between 1973 and 1974 and the demonstration of the vulnerability of the West to a cut-off in supplies during the 1973 Arab oil embargo, the stakes have grown vastly.

The most pressing fear now faced by a so-called "Islamic Revolution" Movement based in Pakistan, which claims to have killed in guerrilla operations more than 100,000 soldiers to the south of Kabul, is that it will be a Pan-Islamic (Baluchistan) state. It is anxious on this score that it is the main reason for Britain and the United States sticking to the Shah.

Military rule would solve none of the social and political problems that have brought about the present upsurge of unrest. It would almost certainly be met by widespread non-co-operation which had the support of a resentful clergy and which would be far more successful than the recent wave of strikes in paralysing the economy. Such anarchy would risk the fragmentation of the country—the unity of Iran is a fragile commodity only recently won—with breakaway movements springing up amongst the Arab-speaking peoples of Khuzestan, the Kurds, the Azerbaijanis, the Baluchis. It would encourage the growth of militant Moslem guerrilla groups.

in Iran as well as to Ayatollah Khomeini—the exiled opponent of the Shah now demanding his overthrow.

The Russians would have little to lose—and much to gain—in such confusion, infiltrating arms or attempting to recapture their hold in Afghanistan. At the least this would safeguard their frontier, at the most it would enable them to influence events in Tehran and to keep the Chinese out.

The immediate overlap between the political crises in Iran and Afghanistan lies in the deep wedge of arid land and desert that divides the two countries and that stretches southward from the Russian border through the provinces of Khorasan and Baluchistan. The Russians established consulates in Baluchistan in the late 19th century—prompting Lord Curzon's famous "Great Game" to British India. Some of the Baluchi leaders still harbour dreams of an independent Baluchi state carved out of what is now southern Pakistan.

President Tarakki's regime, lacking any tribal base, has little control over what is happening in the interior of the country and on its fringes than did previous regimes. He is already faced by a so-called "Islamic Revolution" Movement based in Pakistan, which claims to have killed in guerrilla operations more than 100,000 soldiers to the south of Kabul, is that it will be a Pan-Islamic (Baluchistan) state. It is anxious on this score that it is the main reason for Britain and the United States sticking to the Shah.

Second only to the explosive issue before President Zia is the intractable problem of the demands of the frontier provinces and Baluchistan for greater autonomy. Unable to reach a negotiated settlement, Mr. Bhutto resorted to force to curb Baluchi insurgents—provoking four years of low-level but continuous civil war. To continue that, President Zia would be further straining the unity of the country. He would also not have the financial and military help which enabled Mr. Bhutto to present his campaign as bringing peace and development.

In this situation, all three countries look like tinder boxes strung together. Spelling out the risks underestimates the still considerable power of rational men to control events. But it has been the irrational violence of the street that has made the running in Iran this year as it did in Pakistan last year.

MEN AND MATTERS

Vanishing in a puff of smoke

Faced with a dwindling market and more and more hostility to smoking, the tobacco companies seem to have lost their promotional nerve. One landmark, in August, was the public condemnation by the International Athletics Club of the £500,000-a-season sports sponsorship funded by British-American Tobacco.

Another, more minor, triumph for the anti-smoking brigade is the announcement that vade interests will no longer support the Pipe Club of Great Britain, which is duly folding at the end of the year, along with its magazine Pipe Lane.

Its last issue, characteristically full of pictures of men smoking pipes, and exhortations to buy pipes "for the young man in your family, or at work," ironically reports the recruitment of the 3,000th member.

"I think we shall be missed in some ways," says the club's director Peter Macnab, who also edited the magazine. He tells me the "basic reason" for the withdrawal of between £18,000 and £20,000 a year sponsorship was his own impending retirement. "I don't want to sound immodest but the council of management have found it difficult to produce somebody of like enthusiasm and qualities. I'm tired. I've been doing up to 25,000 miles a year, which is too much at my age."

What had attracted him to this unusual evangelism? "Pipesmokers are convivial and pleasant sort of characters. Half the joy of pipesmoking is the number of tobaccoes you can get—200 to 250 proprietary brands. It can take a lifetime to find the right one."

Macnab tells me he is hopeful that Pipe Lane will be taken over by another publisher, and he will remain as editor. Meanwhile,

the club will leave something of itself behind for next year—a 1979 Pipeman of the Year. Anthony Wedgwood Benn and Hughie Green both figure on the nomination card, which is adorned by several more pictures of men smoking pipes.

Rus in urbe

The fortune tellers who daily scan the dwindling entries under Flats to Let in the evening papers are mostly familiar with such euphemisms as "garden flat" (meaning "basement") and "studio" (meaning "hovel"). But a seasoned fortune teller of my acquaintance had his vocabulary extended when he answered an advertisement for a "mews cottage" in Belgrave. He was surprised to find himself ushered into a garden shed.

Swedish style

British managers who complain about UK employment laws can console themselves that things could be worse. The Swedish Labour Court has just reinstated two men dismissed by Volvo for consistently failing to turn up to work because of their addiction to alcohol. The company has been ordered to pay each worker £225 in damages and the same amount to their union.

The court referred to the Swedish Job Security Act which stipulates that illness, age, or reduced work capacity are not sufficient grounds for dismissal. "Chronic alcoholism," the court declared, "is an illness."

Bottled up

Diligent workers in the Eastern Bloc are accustomed to a public pot on the head every now and then, but in Poland one sector is unrepentant. There is, therefore, a long-pent-up frustration

over the official taboo surrounding vodka. Alcoholism is one of Poland's worst social problems, and when last week the newspaper Zycie Bism reported on life inside a vodka factory, the reporter was immediately surrounded by workers complaining of a conspiracy of silence: "No one talks or writes about us and we're never shown on TV," they said. "We aren't even mentioned when we take part in the May Day festivities."

Zycie Warszawa corrects any wrong impressions about the 10,000 Poles who work in Polmos Vodka's factories. They have a lower-than-average divorce rate, it says, and spend less time in sobering-up cells than most workers. But just to make sure there is no sampling, the newspaper says, constantly sobriety tests are carried out "before, during, and after work" by the brigadiers (foremen).

No drinking at all is permitted, and "employees are also made resistant against temptation. Moderation is impressed on them, along with cultured drinking."

Whether this new civilised image helps to fill the 120 vacant jobs Polmos is offering remains to be seen. Apart from alcoholism, one of Poland's problems is a drastic shortage of labour.

Roman view

A distinguished Italian journalist who last week visited London to cast an eye over Britain's social and economic ills was shocked by what he saw. His article exposed the appalling implications of the Ford strike, the long-term problems of the National Health Service, and the likelihood—as he saw it—of a miners' strike in time for Christmas.

But what horrified him most was "the sight on every street corner of pitiful children, arms

outstretched, begging for pennies." I hear it was only a few minutes before the article was printed that an editor recalled the strange customs surrounding November 5.

Stupid question

Hussein Linjawi, director general of Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline project, flew into London at the weekend and found time to tell the Press how construction work was going. The 750-mile long pipeline to run from the Arabian Gulf to the Red Sea, is expected to cost £200m and will be the most expensive as well as, almost certainly, the longest pipeline the world has ever known.

One journalist at the meeting wanted to know which corporate hand would actually pick up the bill. What he actually asked was "How are you going to pay for it?"

Crossed lines

Government officials of Australia's Northern Territory and their opposite numbers in a Queensland shire council are locked in fierce if private debate about just who is responsible for the small matter of a road that went off course.

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Eurobonds in October

BY FRANCIS GHILES

DECLINE, GENTLE or hectic, is the word that best describes what happened to the dollar sector of the Eurobond market in the past four weeks. The thoroughbred Deutsche Mark sector itself had its moments of weakness but they pale by comparison with what happened in the dollar sector.

The fundamentals which affect the dollar sector did not change, at least until last Wednesday when the Carter package was announced. The package should result in a more stable U.S. currency according to most dealers but the rise in interest rates makes the surge in prices witnessed at the end of last week look somewhat unreal.

Many dealers are thus forecasting a fall in prices which would bring the yield, particularly on short term paper into line with the level of interest rates. The six month eurodollar rate moved up to 11½ per cent last Wednesday, having touched 12½ per cent the day before.

Other dealers however argue that while dollar bonds will not become stars overnight, they are no longer pariahs. They note that inventories of bonds are now small and that prices are therefore more likely to move up on very minimal buying. Looking back on the months before the

Carter package a feeling of growing gloom was at all times in evidence. Interest rates were inexorably moving up, the money supply figures from the U.S. were shocking and there was no way the market could resist all the pressures to which it was being subjected. On Friday, October 23, it went through what more than one dealer described as a black Friday. It was its worst day this year.

The fall in prices affected the shorter end more severely at first although by the end of the month the fall in prices of longer term paper brought these into line with the lower prices of shorter dated issues.

These falls followed the decline in prices of U.S. bonds, itself the result of U.S. interest and money supply figures. As the peak in U.S. interest rates increasingly took the form of an indistinct plateau the disillusionment spread all along the maturity scale.

In the eurodollar sector dealers had, by the first day of November insignificant inventories. These had been pared to the bone. Thus when the Carter package was announced, many dealers found themselves in the unenviable position of having no sizeable amounts of stock to offer while being faced with substantial institutional buying interest.

This resulted in the All Saints' Day scramble as dealers rushed to cover. Clearly it was wrong to hold significant short positions with the dollar surging ahead. Prices moved up about two points that day and by a further half to three quarters of a point the following day.

It is worth noting that the German banks appear virtually unanimous in their conviction that the prices of dollar denominated bonds simply cannot hold steady at current levels.

New issues in the dollar sector were rare, most of them taking the form of floating rate notes: a convertible for Central Telephone and Utilities Corporation was put off, until better days.

The troubles of the Deutsche Mark sector were a minor ailment compared to what the dollar sector was suffering. In many respects they were the result of indignation—the rich man's disease: at no moment was this more visible than when Deutsche Bank started to sell the DM500m Canada bond which it took onto its books in May.

The more ordered people are, the more upset they become when the order is shaken. Coming on top of the announcement of two DM denominated placements for the Luxembourg subsidiaries of leading West German banks, the sale of the Canadian bond distorted the calendar of new issues which the Capital Markets Subcommittee (set up in 1968 to control the flow of international DM bond issues) decides at its monthly meeting. The extra

paper on offer effectively doubled the quantity of new bonds being fed into the market. Yet although prices weakened in the secondary market, the whole episode passed off quite smoothly. This is as much a testimony to the strength of the DM sector today as present as the disarray of the dollar sector.

The calendar of new issues announced for the month from 13th October was lighter: it had flexibility built into it largely because a DM500m jumbo for the World Bank was inserted only provisionally. This issue was expected last week but no decision is now expected until later this week.

Another interesting feature of the DM sector was the relatively cool reception given to new European supranational issues. Portfolios appear to be full to the brim with such issues: this was reflected in the increase in coupon for the latest ECSC issue and its uninspiring performance on the secondary market.

In sharp contrast the issue for Bank America Corporation was in great demand and performed well in the secondary market. Prime U.S. names clearly have an appeal because of their rarity.

The second bond to be floated in the French Franc sector since its reopening in September was for Unilever: the terms of this issue, in marked contrast to those of the previous French Franc bond for EIB, proved markedly more generous for the investor. This sector of the market has remained very quiet in the past few weeks.

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	From	To	Rate
Banco Union	1983 1 Oct 78	1 Apr 79	10 1/2
Societe Generale	1984 1 Oct 78	1 Apr 79	10 1/2
Sundsvallsbanken	1985 4 Oct 78	4 Apr 79	10 1/2
SOFTE	1983 5 Oct 78	5 Apr 79	10 1/2
G.Z.B.	1983 6 Oct 78	6 Apr 79	10 1/2
AREA	1984/89 8 Oct 78	Redeemed	
Costa Rica	1983 10 Oct 78	10 Apr 79	11 1/2
B.C.I.	1981 16 Oct 78	16 Apr 79	10 1/2
L.M.D.B.I.	1984 16 Oct 78	16 Apr 79	10 1/2
Bac. Nat. D'Algerie	1983 17 Oct 78	17 Apr 79	10 1/2
O.K.B.	1983/83 18 Oct 78	18 Apr 79	10 1/2
American Express	1982 20 Oct 78	20 Apr 79	10 1/2
Bank of Tokyo	1981 20 Oct 78	20 Apr 79	10 1/2
Int'l Westminster	1984 20 Oct 78	20 Apr 79	10 1/2
Union Bk. of Finland	1982 20 Oct 78	20 Apr 79	10 1/2
B.F.C.E.	1983 27 Oct 78	27 Apr 79	11 1/2
Beogradska Banka	1983 27 Oct 78	27 Apr 79	11 1/2
I.H.I.	1983 27 Oct 78	27 Apr 79	11 1/2
Bank of Tokyo	1983 18 Oct 78	18 Apr 79	10 1/2

Interest rates applicable to the issues listed below will be announced during November.

Banque Ext. D'Algerie var.	1983
Gotabanken	1988
Ind. Bank of Japan var.	1982
CCF mib. 5 1/2 var.	1985
United Overseas Bank var.	1983
Royal Bank of Scotland var.	1983
Vicenza International var.	1981
Bank of Tokyo (Curacao) var.	1984
Midland Bank Ltd. var.	1982
Societe Generale var.	1981
O.K.B. var.	1982
Creditanstalt Bankverein var.	1981
Midland Int'l Finance var.	1981
Bank of Tokyo Ltd. var.	1980
Bank Handlowy var.	1983/88
CGMF var.	1984
United Overseas Bank var.	1981
ENEL var.	1980
Gabietto-Area Sines var.	1982
Lloyds Eurofinance var.	1983
Popular Espanol var.	1981
Standard Chartered Bank var.	1984



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JAPANESE DOLLAR DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Names Close at 3/11/78

HONDA	\$22 1/2
ITO YOKADO	\$92 1/2
JUSCO	\$62 1/2
KOMATSU FORKLIFT	\$3.55
KUBOTA	\$31 1/2
MAKITA	\$6.25
MURATA	\$4.27
NIPPON MEAT PACKERS	\$1.85
PIONEER	\$81
RENOWN	\$3.53
SONY	\$7.5
TAISHO MARINE	\$12 1/2
TDK	\$10 1/2
TOKYO SANYO	\$1.775
TRIO	\$31 1/2
WACOAL	\$20 1/2

INVESTMENT FUNDS

The following funds include Eurobond issues within their portfolios

Quotations & Yields as at 31st Oct. 1978

**SOCIETE GENERALE De BANQUE
BANQUE GENERALE Du LUXEMBOURG**

Fund	Price	First Issue Price	Yield %	Div. Date
Rentinvest	LuxFr 881	LuxFr 1000	8.23	20 Nov. (1977)
Capital Rentinvest	LuxFr 1366	LuxFr 1000	(Capitalisation)	

	1977/78	1975/78	Low
Rentinvest	LuxFr 918	LuxFr 839	LuxFr 918
Capital Rentinvest	LuxFr 1423	LuxFr 1286	LuxFr 1423

EXPLANATORY NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS

LISTINGS	ML = Milan	NY = New York
AN = Antwerp	PR = Paris	
AM = Amsterdam	RM = Rome	
AS = American Stock	SL = Singapore	
Exchange	UO = Unquoted	
BR = Brussels	VR = Vienna	
DB = Dublin	ZR = Zurich & other Swiss	
DD = Dusseldorf	Exchanges	
DF = Frankfurt	DELIVERY	
HK = Hong Kong	EU = Europe	
KL = Kuala Lumpur	EA = Europe/New York	
LN = London	NY = New York	
LX = Luxembourg	EA = Europe/Asia	

TYPE OF GUARANTEES OR SECURITY	2. OTHER SECURITY
1. GUARANTEES	CL = Collateral Cover
GG = Government	FM = First Mortgage
SG = State or Local Govt.	NP = Negative Pledge
Guarantee	PS = Subordinated
PG = Parent Guarantee	Parent Guarantee
RG = Bank Guarantee	Special Clause
FW = These borrowers have Public Works Loans Board as lender of last resort	SU = Subordinated—Unsecured
	UL = Unsecured Loan
	TA = Through Agreement

SPECIAL REFERENCES	1. GENERAL—ATTACHED TO NAME OF BORROWER
D = Domestic Management group	L = Bondholders option to redeem loan prior to maturity
MC = Principal/Interest payable in more than two currencies	W = Withholding tax (with percentage rate %)
WW = With warrants	XW = Ex warrants

2. F/D/M ISSUES	The figures shown are the fixed F/D/M parities which prevail over the lives of the issues.
3. FLOATING RATE ISSUES	The figures given are the minimum coupon rate % margin above LIBOR.

4. ATTACHED TO MATURITY DESCRIPTION	S = Semi-annual payments
5. ATTACHED TO NEXT S/F AMOUNT	PF = Purchase fund—the amount shown is the annual total (or total to the next coupon date), which may be applied. The year associated with the amount shown relates to the year end of the purchase period.
DP = Non-cumulative option to double sinking fund payments.	

6. ATTACHED TO CALL NOTICE (DAYS)	C = Callable only on coupon dates.
Y = Callable only at annual intervals.	Otherwise callable at any time.

7. YIELD TO NEXT CALL	0 = Yield is negative.
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8. ATTACHED TO YIELD TO NEXT CALL (CONVERTIBLE ISSUES ONLY)	R = Call is subject to a restriction governed by a fixed relationship between the share price and the conversion price.
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9. CONVERTIBLE ISSUES	The share price is always denominated in the same currency as the conversion price. Please note that where the premium exceeds 200% no figure is shown in the premium/discount column.
The following convertible bonds are subject to convertibility into the indicated stocks.	

NAME OF BOND	CONVERTIBLE INTO
American Tobacco Int.	51 1985 American Brands Inc.
Asia Navigation Int.	61 1980 East Asia Navigation Co.
Bankers Int. (Lux.)	5 1986 Bankers Trust New York
Banque Paribas	4 1987 Carter Hawley Hale
Burnham Oil	51 1985 Shell Transport & Trading
Chevron Oil O/S	5 1985 Standard Oil of California
Dart Industries	41 1987 Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing
Inter-Continental Hotels	7 1986 Pan-Am World Airways
Int. Standard Elec.	5 1985 International Tel & Tel
ISA Finance Holdings	41 1985
Kinney	61 1980 Warner Communications
Leasco World Trade	5 1985 Rencore Group Inc.
Levin-Townsend Int. Fin.	5 1980 Rockwood Computer
Norwich OS	41 1983 Morton-Norwich Products
Owens-Illinois	41 1987 Owens Corning Fibreglass
Plywood Champion Int.	51 1983 Champion Int.

The following international convertible issues have fixed rates of currency conversion:

11. YIELD CALCULATIONS	All Yields are calculated on annual rates e.g. a 10% bond standing at par, paying interest once p.a. will have a current and maturity yield of 10%. A 10% bond paying semi-annually would yield 10.5%.
Market practice demands that the current yield on \$ floating rate bonds is calculated as coupon/price.	

12. MARKET MAKER COLUMN	This denotes that more than the maximum number of market makers have provided prices (12 for the straight bonds and 9 for the convertibles).
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13. OTHER NOTES	The amounts shown as remaining outstanding are estimated by applying the scheduled sinking fund instalments. These are further adjusted where a non-cumulative option to double sinking fund payments has been exercised.
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COUNTRY	ISSUE/COUPON/MATURITY	EXCHANGE RATE
FRANCE	Michelin Int. Dev. 6 1985 F.Fr.5.554 =S1	
	Suez Int'l Union Paris 7 1985 F.Fr.5.554 =S1	
HONG KONG	Asia Navigation Int. 6 1989 HK\$4.507 =S1	
ISRAEL	Lumi Int. Inv. 7 1984 IL 10 1026 =S1	
JAPAN	Asahi Chemical 6 1980 Yen 303.0 =S1	
	Asahi Optical 6 1982 Yen 282.0 =S1	
	Dai Nippon Printing 6 1981 Yen 300.0 =S1	
	Daiichi Ind. 7 1981 Yen 301.0 =S1	
	Hitachi Ltd. 6 1981 Yen 301.0 =S1	
	Hitachi Ltd. 6 1984 Yen 300.0 =S1	
	Hokushin Electric 6 1982 Yen 248.0 =S1	
	Jusen 6 1982 Yen 272.0 =S1	
	Kao Soap 6 1982 Yen 256.0 =S1	
	Komatsu Manf. 6 1984 Yen 360.0 =S1	
	Komatsu Ltd. 7 1990 Yen 294.2 =S1	
	Kubota 6 1981 Yen 303.0 =S1	
	Marui 6 1981 Yen 299.0 =S1	
	Matsushita Elec. 6 1980 Yen 303.0 =S1	
	Mitsubishi Elec. 7 1985 Yen 300.0 =S1	
	Mitsubishi Elec. 6 1982 Yen 272.0 =S1	
	Mitsubishi Gas Chem 6 1982 Yen 305.55 =S1	
	Mitsubishi Hvy. Ind. 6 1982 Yen 267.0 =S1	
	Mitsubishi Corp. 6 1981 Yen 301.0 =S1	
	Mitsubishi Corp. 6 1981 Yen 301.0 =S1	
	Mitsui & Co. 7 1980 Yen 295.0 =S1	
	Mitsui & Co. 6 1989 Yen 299.0 =S1	
	Mitsui Real Estate 6 1982 Yen 294.13 =S1	
	Nitto Elec. Ind. 6 1989 Yen 280.0 =S1	
	Pioneer Electric 6 1981 Yen 285.0 =S1	
	Ricoh 6 1981 Yen 285.0 =S1	
	Sanyo Electric 6 1990 Yen 302.17 =S1	
	Settsu Paperboard 6 1982 Yen 243.0 =S1	
	Somtomto Elec. 6 1982 Yen 267.0 =S1	
	Somtomto Metal 6 1982 Yen 267.0 =S1	
	Takeda Chemical 6 1984 Yen 360.0 =S1	
	Tokyo Dept. Store 6 1982 Yen 266.0 =S1	
	Toshiba 6 1982 Yen 254.0 =S1	
	Toshiba 6 1980 Yen 254.8 =S1	
	Ennia 6 1982 D.Fr.2.4665 =S1	
NETHERLANDS	All other issues 7 1991 S.Fr.2.44 =S1	
SINGAPORE	Dev. Bk. of Singapore 6 1988 S.S.2.32 =S1	
S. AFRICA	Transvaal Overseas Bank 6 1983 R.D.0.7143 =S1	
SWEDEN	Rand Selection Corp. 6 1989 R.D.0.7143 =S1	
U.K.	Sandvik 6 1988 S.M.Kr.4.7825 =S1	
	Bacotek Nederland 7 1982 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Beecham Fin. 6 1982 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Burmah Oil 5 1988 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Burton B.V. 5 1982 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Compair (U.K.) 6 1982 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	ICI Int'l Fin. 6 1982 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Inchcape (Bermuda) 6 1982 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Rank Organisation 4 1985 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	
	Slater Walker 5 1987 S.Fr.1.18825 =S1	

Union Bank of Switzerland (Lux.) 5% 1981 differs from other convertibles in that the bonds are denominated US\$1000 and each bond is convertible into 1 Bearer share of S.Fr. 500 nominal value of UBS.

Credit Suisse (Bahamas) 4 1/2% 1991 differs from other convertibles in that the bond is denominated US\$1000 and each bond is convertible into 1 Bearer Share of S.Fr. 500 nominal value of Credit Suisse.

The following convertible issues have conversion rights which expire prior to maturity:

NAME OF BOND	MATURITY	CONVERSION RIGHTS
Asahi Chemical	6 30/9/1990	15/9/1990
Dai Nippon Png.	6 31/3/1986	30/4/1986
Hitachi Ltd.	6 30/9/1984	31/3/1984
Mitsubishi El.	6 31/3/1985	28/2/1985
Rand Selection	6 1/5/1986	31/1/1986
Takeda Chem.	6 31/3/1984	28/2/1984
Toshiba	6 30/9/1990	15/9/1990

10. DENOMINATION OF NON-DOLLAR BONDS	
Euro-guilders—all denominated	Ff. 10,000
French Francs—all denominated	Ffr. 5,000
with the exception of	
Aerospatiale	Ffr. 10,000
European Coal & Steel 7 1/2% 1980	Ffr. 10,000
European Coal & Steel 7 1/2% 1991	Ffr. 10,000
Francaise de Petrrole—BP	Ffr. 10,000
Phillips Lamps 10 1/2% 1980	Ffr. 50,000
Roussell-Uclaf	Ffr. 10,000
SOPAD	Ffr. 50,000

STERLING-DEUTSCHE MARKS	
Enso Gutzeit 6 1/2% 1980	£100: £500
ICI 8 1/2% 1981	£100: £500
Ireland 7 1/2% 1981	£100: £500
Met Estates 6 1/2% 1987	£100: £500
New Zealand 8 1/2% 1982	£100: £500
New Zealand 7 1/2% 1978	£100: £500
Rockmans Int. 6 1/2% 1982	£100: £500
Sira Kriva 7 1/2% 1983	£100: £500
Slater Walker 7 1/2% 1987	£100: £500
Swedish Lanco 3 1/2% 1980	£100: £500
Turin 8 1/2% 1984	£100: £500
US Rubber 6 1/2% 1989	£100: £500

adjusted where a non-cumulative option to double sinking fund payments has been exercised.

Yields are calculated in accordance with Rule 803 of Statutes By-Laws, Rules and Recommendations of the AIED using compound interest throughout. Negative yields are not shown.

The maturity, average life and first call yields are adjusted to a 360 day annual rate.

Yields to next call are shown on the basis that the borrower gives notice that he wishes to call the bond as soon as possible after the date of publication of this list.

Yields on Unit of Account bonds are computed by adjusting the investment proceeds for the changes in relative parities of the currencies comprising the new and old unit of account formulae.

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NEDERLANDSCHE MIDDENSTANDBANK N.V.

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announces the issue of

Dfls 125,000,000

8 3/4% Subordinated Debentures 1978 due 1979/1993

In bearer denominations of Dfls 1,000 each.

The issue price will be fixed on November 8, 1978.

Interest payable annually on December 1 without deduction of withholding tax.

Redemption at par in 15 almost equal annual instalments from December 1, 1979 until 1993.

Application has been made for quotation of the Debentures on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

Subscription will be open from November 10, 1978 at 09.00 hrs. and will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on that date.

Date of payment: December 1, 1978.

NEDERLANDSCHE MIDDENSTANDBANK N.V.
Amsterdam, November 3, 1978.

1st DECEMBER 1978 REDEMPTION

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

U.S. \$10,000,000.00 8 1/2% SEVEN YEAR

EXTERNAL SINKING FUND LOAN NOTES OF 1972

REDEMPTION OF BONDS

The Government of Jamaica announces that for the redemption period ending on December 1st 1978, it has purchased and cancelled Bonds of the above loan for U.S. \$602,000.00 nominal capital and tendered to the Fiscal Agents. The nominal amount of bonds drawn for redemption at par on December 1st 1978 to satisfy the Government's current redemption obligation is accordingly U.S. \$1,898,000 and the nominal amount of this loan remaining outstanding after December 1st 1978 will be \$2,500,000.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that a drawing of bonds of the above loan took place on Monday October 30th 1978, attended by Mr. Wilfred Maurice Phillips of the Firm of Jauralde and Phillips, Notaries Public, when 1,898 bonds for total of U.S. \$1,898,000 nominal capital were drawn for redemption at par on December 1st 1978.

The following are the numbers of the bonds drawn, each number preceded by the letter 'M':

151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260
261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280
281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300
301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320
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The following Tombstone announcements were published in the Financial Times during October

BONDS

Tombstone date	Publication date	Tombstone date	Publication date	Tombstone date	Publication date
20/9/78	SEA CONTAINERS INC. 3/10/78	10/10/78	REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA 10/10/78	Oct. 24/78	NISSAN DIESEL MOTOR CO. LTD. 24/10/78
	\$40,000,000		DM 100,000,000		DM 80,000,000
	10 1/4% Sub. Debs. due 1988		7% Bearers Bonds 1978/1984		3 1/4% Deutsche Mark Convertible Bonds of 1978/86
	Wardner Faribas Becker Inc. and others		Presdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft and others		Deutsche Bank and others
Oct. 7/78	REPUBLIC OF FINLAND 3/10/78	Sept. 7/78	EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK 12/10/78	Oct. 24/78	MARUETSU CO. LTD. 24/10/78
	\$100,000,000		\$100,000,000		DM 30,000,000
	8 1/2% Bonds due 1988		8 1/2% Notes due 1986		Convertible Bearer Bonds of 1978/1985
	Goldman, Sachs & Co. and others		\$125,000,000		Berliner Handels- und Frankfurter Bank and others
4/10/78	NOVO INDUSTRI A.S. 4/10/78		THE LONG-TERM CREDIT BANK OF JAPAN 18/10/78		BANK OF TOKYO 25/10/78
	US\$20,000,000		US\$15,000,000		(CURACAO) HOLDING N.V. US\$30,000,000
	7% Convertible Bonds 1989		Negotiable Floating Rate Certificates of Deposit		Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes due 1990
	Morgan Grenfell & Co. Ltd. and others		Nippon European Bank S.A.		The Bank of Tokyo and others
3/10/78	HOSPITAL OVERSEAS CAPITAL N.V. 5/10/78	Oct. 16/78	JUSCO CO. LTD. 18/10/78	Oct. 26/78	ARGENTINE REPUBLIC 26/10/78
	US\$25,000,000		DM 80,000,000		DM 150,000,000
	9 1/4% Guaranteed Notes due 1983		3 1/4% Convertible Bonds due 1986		6 1/4% Deutsche Mark Bearer Bonds of 1978/1983
	Salomon Brothers Int. Ltd. and others		Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and others		Deutsche Bank and others
Oct. 7/78	DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES 5/10/78	Oct. 19/78	CANADA 19/10/78	Oct. 2/78	THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA 27/10/78
	US\$10,000,000		US\$400,000,000		20,000,000 European Units of Account
	4 1/2% Bearer Bonds 1978-1993		9% Bonds due Oct. 15 1983		8 1/4% 1978-1993 Bonds
	Kreditbank (Suisse) S.A. and others		Morgan Stanley & Co. and others		Kreditbank S.A. Luxembourg and others
5/10/78	KONISHIROKU PHOTO INDUSTRY CO. LTD. 5/10/78	Oct. 19/78	OSTERREICHISCHE KONTROLLBANK AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT 18/10/78	Oct. 7/78	ELEKTROBRAS 30/10/78
	DM 60,000,000		US\$50,000,000		Kuwaiti Dinars 10,000,000
	3 1/4% Convertible Bonds due 1985		Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes 1988		8 1/4% Guaranteed Bonds due 1990
	Private Placement		Republic of Austria and others		Federative Republic of Brazil and others
	Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and others		EUROFIMA 18/10/78	Oct. 30/78	REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA 30/10/78
Sept. 7/78	ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK 5/10/78		DM 150,000,000		DM 150,000,000
	US\$10,000,000		Private Placement 5 1/4% Bearer Bonds of 1978/1988		5 1/4% Bonds due 1990
	5 1/4% Bonds due 1988		Deutsche Bank		Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and others
	Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd. and others	Oct. 19/78	KAYABA INDUSTRY CO. LTD. 19/10/78	Oct. 31/78	THE BANK OF TOKYO 31/10/78
3/10/78	EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK 9/10/78		DM 30,000,000		DM 30,000,000
	DMs 75,000,000		3 1/4% Convertible Bonds due 1985		Variable Rate Roll-Over Certificates of Deposit
	7 1/4% Bearer Notes due 1985		Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and others		Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co.
	AMRO Bank and others	Oct. 23/78	REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA 24/10/78	Oct. 3/78	TRINIDAD-TESSORO PETROLEUM CO. LTD. 31/10/78
4/10/78	INTERSHOP OVERSEAS FINANCE (CURACAO) N.V. 9/10/78		DM 150,000,000		PETROLEUM CO. LTD.
	US\$20,000,000		6 1/4% Bonds due 1990		Promissory Notes due 1990
	20,000 3 1/4% Guaranteed Convertible Bonds due 1990		Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and others		E. F. Hutton, West Indies Stockbrokers Ltd.
	Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd. and others				

LOANS

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Sept. 7/78	KOMMUNKREDIT AB 2/10/78	Sept. 7/78	C. Y. TUNG GROUP 19/10/78	Sept. 7/78	INDUSTRIE ZANUSSI SPA 27/10/78
	DMs 50,000,000		US\$104,000,000		Lire 38,750,000,000
	15 year loan		Secured Eight Year Ship Financing		Floating rate medium term loan
	Private Placement		Marine Midland Bank		Compagnia Privata di Fianza e Investimenti S.p.A. and others
Sept. 7/78	IRELAND 4/10/78	Oct. 7/78	REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA 24/10/78	Oct. 2/78	AUGHINISH FINANCE 27/10/78
	DM 150,000,000		DM 350,000,000		US\$250,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		Long Term Loan at a fixed rate of interest		Ten Year Project Loan
	Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale		Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and others		Citigroup International Group and others
	GENECO 9/10/78	Oct. 7/78	CORAL LEISURE GROUP LTD. 24/10/78	Oct. 2/78	AUGHINISH ALUMINA PROJECT FINANCING 27/10/78
	US\$10,000,000		£30,000,000		£30,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		Unsecured 4 and 7 year Loan facilities		Term Credit Facility
	European Arab Bank and others		Barclays Merchant Bank Ltd.		Bank of Ireland and others
Oct. 7/78	THOMSON NORTH SEA FINANCE LTD. 10/10/78	Sept. 7/78	ELECTRICITY GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND 24/10/78	Oct. 7/78	BANK OF GHANA 27/10/78
	US\$25,000,000		US\$80,000,000		US\$20,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		Medium-term Loan		E.C.G.D. Supported Loan Facility
	The Royal Bank of Canada		Lloyds Bank International Ltd. and others		Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Ltd.
Sept. 7/78	SOCIETA ITALIANA PER L'ESERCIZIO TELEFONICO P.A. 12/10/78	Oct. 7/78	INDUSTRIE ZANUSSI SPA 24/10/78	Oct. 7/78	BANK OF GHANA 27/10/78
	US\$40,000,000		DM 21,000,000,000		US\$21,500,000
	Medium Term Loan		Floating Rate Medium Term Loan		US\$21,500,000
	Chase Manhattan Ltd.		Compagnia Privata di Fianza e Investimenti S.p.A.		US\$21,500,000
Oct. 7/78	COMISION FEDERAL DE ELECTRICIDAD MEXICO, D.F. 13/10/78	Sept. 7/78	COMPANIA SEVILLANA DE ELECTRICIDAD, SA 25/10/78	Sept. 7/78	SOCIETE NATIONALE DES CHEMINS DE FER FRANCAIS 30/10/78
	US\$30,000,000		US\$50,000,000		US\$250,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		8 year Floating Rate Loan		Seven Year Loan
	Banque Belge Ltd.		Banco de Vizcaya, SA and others		Credit Lyonnais and others
13/9/78	OFFICE NATIONAL DU MATERIEL HYDRAULIQUE 13/10/78	Oct. 7/78	THE YEMENI KUWAITI REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CO. 25/10/78	Oct. 7/78	ETEROUTREMER S.A. 30/10/78
	US\$80,000,000		US\$40,000,000		US\$40,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		Secured Medium Term Floating Rate Loan		7-Year Eurocurrency Facility
	Interunion-Banque and others		The National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K. and others		Banque Europeenne de Credit
28/8/78	INSTITUTO ECUATORIANO DE ELECTRIFICACION 13/10/78	Oct. 7/78	CREDIT POPULAIRE D'ALGERIE 12/10/78	Oct. 23/78	FIAT-ALLIS 31/10/78
	US\$50,000,000		US\$5,000,000		US\$50,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		Medium Term Loan		Term Loan
	Interunion-Banque and others		The Tokai Bank Ltd. and others		Chase Merchant Banking Group and others
Oct. 7/78	POTASAS DE NAVARRA S.A. SPAIN 13/10/78	Aug. 7/78	SOCIEDAD FINANCIERA DE LARA C.A. 10/10/78	Aug. 7/78	DAI HAN GLASS INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD. 31/10/78
	US\$9,000,000		US\$4,500,000		US\$10,000,000
	Medium Term Loan		Medium Term Credit		Medium-term loan
	The Tokai Bank Ltd. and others		The Republic of Argentina		Saeban Merchant Banking Corp.
Sept. 7/78	SOCIETE FINANCIERE POUR LES TELECOMMUNICATIONS ET L'ELECTRONIQUE S.A. 13/10/78	Oct. 7/78	UTOPISTAS URBANAS SA 26/10/78	Oct. 7/78	BUTTONT GROUP 31/10/78
	US\$35,000,000		US\$30,000,000		US\$14,500,000
	5 year Eurocurrency Loan		Medium Term Credit		Medium-term loan
	Kreditbank N.V. and others		American Express International Banking Corp. and others		Banque de la Societe Financiere Europeenne
Sept. 7/78	ANAX INC. 4/10/78	Sept. 7/78	TENNECO 27/10/78	July 7/78	CAISSE NATIONALE DES TELECOMMUNICATIONS 31/10/78
	US\$100,000,000		US\$17,500,000		US\$350,000,000
	Series D Preferred Stock		Term Loan		Ten Year Eurocurrency Loan
	Private Placement		The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. and others		Bankers Trust Co. and others
	Wood Gundy Ltd.				

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Oct. 7/78	TOKYO SANYO ELECTRIC CO. LTD. 2/10/78	Aug. 7/78	SOCIEDAD FINANCIERA DE LARA C.A. 10/10/78	Oct. 13/78	MINNESOTA MINING MANUFACTURING CO. 18/10/78
	20,000,000 Shares of Common Stock		US\$4,500,000		2,250,000 Shares
	Daiwa Europe N.V. and others		Term Deposit Facility		Common Stock
3/10/78	THE FISHERIES LOAN FUND OF IRELAND 3/10/78		SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO. 5/10/78	Sept. 7/78	ITEL FINANCE 31/10/78
	\$1,000,000		500,000,000		INTERNATIONAL N.V.
	Promissory Notes due 1982/88		30.75 Shares of Common Stock		9 1/4% Guaranteed Debentures due 1990
	Private Placement		N. M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd. and others		Itel Corp. and others
	Bean Witter Reynolds Inc.		BELL CANADA 16/10/78	Oct. 27/78	CARTER HAWLEY HALE STORES, INC. 31/10/78
Sept. 7/78	ANAX INC. 4/10/78		US\$100,000,000		US\$100,000,000
	Series D Preferred Stock		9.88% Debs. due 2005		9 1/4% Debentures due 2008
	Private Placement		A.E. Ames & Co. Ltd. and others		Morgan Stanley & Co. and others
	Wood Gundy Ltd.				

Change of Address

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WestLB Euro-Deutschmarkbond Quotations

	Issue	Middle Price	Current Yield	Life*	Yield to Maturity*	Repayment D - secondary demand by lot at par S - sinking fund
8 1/2%	Queensland Alu. 70/85	106.65	7.97	3.87	6.64	1.1176-85S
5 1/2%	Raurauuiki 78/88 (G)	94.75	6.07	7.35	6.67	1.484-88D
7 1/2%	Reed Paper 73/88	101.75	7.13	4.95	6.81	1.782-88S
8 1/2%	Renfe 76/82 (G)	106.25	8.00	3.67	6.51	1.782
8 1/2%	Renfe 77/84 (G)	106.75	7.49	5.42	6.47	1.484
5 1/2%	Ricoh Comp. 78/83P	100.50	5.22	4.75	5.12	1.883
7 1/2%	SAAB 71/86	105.00	7.38	4.11	6.45	1.677-86S
10 1/2%	SAFE 74/79P	105.00	9.76	1.00	5.59	1.177-85S
7 1/2%	Saga Petroklemi 77/87P	102.50	7.32	6.60	7.00	1.278-87D
7 1/2%	Sandvik 72/82	102.75	7.32	4.58	6.77	1.283
9 1/2%	Sandvik 75/83	112.40	8.23	4.25	5.86	1.283
7 1/2%	Sanko Steamship 77/84	104.40	6.70	5.25	5.99	1.284
7 1/2%	S.A.P.L. 75/80P (G)	106.00	8.49	1.33	4.24	1.380
6 1/2%	Shell Int'l. 72/87	105.75	6.15	4.26	4.96	1.478-87S
6 1/2%	Shell Int'l. 77/89	108.40	6.23	8.20	5.45	1.285-89D
8 1/2%	Ship. Co. New Zealand 75/80P (G)	104.25	7.91	1.59	5.35	1.283-87S
8 1/2%	Ship. Co. New Zealand 75/82 IP (G)	103.00	8.25	3.56	7.48	22.582
8 1/2%	Ship. Co. New Zealand 75/82 IP (G)	103.00	8.25	3.57	7.49	22.582
7 1/2%	Siemens Europa 66/81	106.75	6.56	1.99	3.43	1.1170-81S
7 1/2%	Singapore 72/82	102.50	6.83	2.13	5.81	1.278-82S
6 1/2%	Singapore 77/83	101.30	6.42	4.50	6.15	1.583
8 1/2%	Singapore Air 76/83 (G)	102.80	8.51	2.18	7.28	old.p. 1.279 (102)
8 1/2%	Sira Kina 70/85	104.65	8.12	2.45	7.08	1.676-83D
8 1/2%	S.N.C.F. 68/83 (G)	105.65	7.10	4.66	6.06	1.480-86D
7 1/2%	Soc. Dev. Reg. 72/86 (G)	99.50	6.28	9.37	6.32	16.1283-92D
7 1/2%	Soc. Dev. Reg. 77/82P (G)	105.00	8.57	2.69	6.87	1.579-83D
9 1/2%	Soc. Mar. Fina 75/83P	99.65	6.77	5.42	6.94	1.473-84S
6 1/2%	South Africa 69/84	103.90	8.18	3.86	7.46	1.1176-85S
8 1/2%	South Africa 70/85	101.00	7.67	3.95	7.59	1.177-85S
7 1/2%	South Africa 71/86	98.50	7.00	9.00	7.23	1.1178-87S
7 1/2%	South Africa 72/87	100.50	7.96	2.33	7.73	1.381
8 1/2%	South Afr. Broadc. 78/81P (G)	100.00	7.75	3.75	7.73	1.882
7 1/2%	South Afr. Oil Fund 78/82P (G)	100.00	7.75	3.87	7.74	16.982
7 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 73/88 (G)	99.40	7.55	9.58	7.58	1.679-88S
9 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 75/80P (G)	102.50	9.02	1.08	6.69	1.678-80D
9 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 75/80 (G)	103.90	8.90	1.67	6.66	1.780
8 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 78/80 (G)	101.00	8.17	1.75	7.58	1.879-80D
8 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 78/81P (G)	100.75	7.94	2.17	7.59	2.181
7 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 78/82P (G)	99.75	7.77	3.50	7.77	1.582
8 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 78/83P (G)	100.75	7.94	4.67	7.78	1.783
8 1/2%	South Afr. Railway 78/83P (G)	100.75	7.94	4.83	7.80	1.983
7 1/2%	South Scot. El. 73/88 (G)	103.50	6.76	4.51	6.08	1.279-88S
6 1/2%	Spain 77/84	103.50	6.52	5.75	6.00	1.884
6 1/2%	Spain 78/88	97.00	6.19	9.50	6.42	1.588
6 1/2%	Sparbank Oslo 78/90P	97.00	6.19	6.78	6.35	16.581-90D
7 1/2%	Standard Imp. & Exp. 78/82P	99.50	7.79	3.75	7.89	1.882
6 1/2%	Stand. Chart. Bank 78/88	100.75	6.45	9.17	6.39	1.188
6 1/2%	Statoil 78/88 (G)	100.00	6.00	9.83	6.00	1.984-88S
7 1/2%	Statoil 78/88 (G)	103.00	6.80	4.80	6.25	1.382-85D
10 1/2%	Stiermark 74/80P	108.50	9.22	1.92	5.21	1.1080
8 1/2%	Stockholm City 75/83	104.25	8.39	3.27	7.22	15.478-83D
8 1/2%	Stockholm County 75/87	106.00	8.25	4.19	7.03	1.479-87D
7 1/2%	Studeb. Worth. 69/79	101.35	7.15	0.75	5.45	1.879
8 1/2%	Sumitomo Metal 75/82	105.00	8.10	3.67	6.89	1.782
7 1/2%	Sun Oil Int. Fin. 73/88	104.30	7.18	4.99	6.41	1.878-88S
7 1/2%	Svenska Cell 73/88	105.00	7.14	4.93	6.87	1.279-88S
7 1/2%	Svenska Taendst. 75/85	106.30	8.47	3.73	7.00	1.380-85S
9 1/2%	Sveriges Inv. Bk. 72/87	102.25	6.60	4.14	6.11	1.378-87S
7 1/2%	Sveriges Inv. Bk. 73/88	103.25	6.78	4.59	6.15	1.379-88S
8 1/2%	Sveriges Inv. Bk. 75/83	105.35	8.07	3.04	6.48	1.680-83S
6 1/2%	Sweden 77/84	104.60	6.21	5.50	5.50	1.584
7 1/2%	Sweden 78/88	101.75	5.90	7.97	5.72	1.1283-89S
7 1/2%	Taisei Corp. 75/80P	105.00	9.05	1.37	5.58	16.380
10 1/2%	Tauernautobahn 74/79P (G)	105.00	9.52	0.92	4.30	1.1079
10 1/2%	Tauernautobahn 74/81 (G)	110.25	8.62	2.67	5.26	1.781
9 1/2%	Tauernautobahn 75/82P (G)	109.00	8.26	3.33	5.93	1.382
9 1/2%	Tauernautobahn 75/83P (G)	109.50	8.22	4.33	6.40	1.383
5 1/2%	Tauernautobahn 78/83 (G)	98.00	5.61	14.42	5.70	1.484-93S
6 1/2%	Tauernkraftwerke 68/83 (G)	103.00	6.80	2.27	5.87	1.274-83D
6 1/2%	Tauernkraftwerke 68/83 (G)	102.25	6.86	2.78	5.99	1.974-83S
6 1/2%	Tempfinco 73/93	107.00	7.48	1.10	6.94	1.982-93S
9 1/2%	Tenpfinco 75/82P	106.25	8.94	3.33	7.29	1.483
8 1/2%	Thailand 78/83P	98.00	6.38	4.42	6.78	1.483
8 1/2%	Thyssen Car. Fin. 75/82P	109.50	7.76	3.42	5.37	1.482
8 1/2%	Thyssen Car. Fin. 75/82P	109.50	7.57	3.67	5.46	1.782
6 1/2%	Thyssen Inv. 66/81	103.50	6.67	1.32	4.48	1.372-81D
6 1/2%	Toray Ind. 69/84	105.00	9.90	0.50	5.40	1.878-84D
9 1/2%	Toray Ind. 75/80P	104.00	9.13	1.27	6.10	10.280
9 1/2%	Toyo Rubber 78/83P	98.75	5.57	4.92	5.80	1.1083
6 1/2%	Traf. House Fin. 72/87	100.50	6.47	4.71	6.37	1.1078-87S
6 1/2%	Trinidad & Tobago 78/83	94.80	6.33	4.42	7.41	1.483
6 1/2%	Trondheim 68/83	102.25	6.60	3.02	6.01	1.1272-83S
5 1/2%	Trondheim 78/88	97.00	5.80	9.66	5.87	1.486-88D
5 1/2%	T.V.O. Power 78/88 (G)	104.15	2.20	3.32	6.19	1.1019-84S
6 1/2%	T.V.O. Power 78/88 (G)	97.20	6.15	9.25	6.36	1.284-88S
5 1/2%	UDS Group 78/83	97.50	5.91	4.83	6.43	1.983
9 1/2%	Unilever 74/81P	109.50	8.90	3.08	6.26	1.1281
9 1/2%	Unilever 75/87	111.75	7.61	5.87	6.05	1.581-87S
9 1/2%	Uniroyal 78/84P	100.50	7.72	5.75	5.64	1.884
6 1/2%	Uniroyal 78/84P	100.50	7.72	5.75	5.64	30.482
6 1/2%	Venezuela 68/83	103.35	6.77	2.86	5.79	1.181-83S
6 1/2%	Venezuela 68/83	95.25	6.30	9.33	6.69	1.384-88S
6 1/2%	Venezuela 78/80	97.25	6.68	12.00	6.84	1.1185-90S
7 1/2%	Vienna 68/83	104.00	6.73	2.53	5.36	1.674-83S
8 1/2%	Vienna 75/84	105.85	7.79	3.16	6.14	1.879-84S
5 1/2%	Vienna 77/84P	100.75	5.71	6.12	5.60	15.1284
6 1/2%	Voest-Alpine 73/88	108.25	7.85	5.61	6.68	1.1079-88S
6 1/2%	Voest-Alpine 73/88	107.70	7.85	5.61	6.68	1.1079-88S
6 1/2%	Voest-Alpine 77/89	102.35	6.60	7.99	6.36	1.684-89D
6 1/2%	Wells-Fargo ex. w. 73/88	102.50	6.34	5.26	5.93	1.1179-88S
5 1/2%	Worldbank 65/85	100.75	5.46	3.19	5.31	1.471-85D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 68/80	103.50	6.28	1.75	4.36	1.880
6 1/2%	Worldbank 69/84P	101.75	5.96	3.11	5.86	2.177-84D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 69/84	103.25	6.30	3.01	5.86	2.177-84D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 69/84P	101.75	5.96	3.11	5.86	2.177-84D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 69/84P	100.50	5.97	2.83	5.79	1.477-84D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 70/80	106.75	7.96	1.75	4.49	1.880
8 1/2%	Worldbank 70/88	105.00	7.62	4.04	6.54	1.177-86D
7 1/2%	Worldbank 71/84P	104.80	7.15	3.68	6.07	1.177-86D
7 1/2%	Worldbank 71/86 1/2	104.85	7.15	4.43	6.21	1.177-86D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 72/82	104.50	6.22	3.67	5.11	1.782
6 1/2%	Worldbank 72/87	103.00	6.55	4.14	5.90	1.378-87D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 73/83	104.60	6.45	4.25	5.90	1.283
6 1/2%	Worldbank 73/88	101.65	6.27	4.76	5.96	1.579-88D
6 1/2%	Worldbank 75/82P	109.50	8.00	3.38	5.26	1.682
8 1/2%	Worldbank 75/82	109.50	7.31	4.08	5.34	1.783
8 1/2%	Worldbank 75/83	109.75	7.52	4.67	5.79	1.783
8 1/2%	Worldbank 76/82P	107.20	7.48	3.75	5.85	1.882
8 1/2%	Worldbank 76/82P	106.75	7.28	3.92	5.77	1.1082
7 1/2%	Worldbank 76/83	107.75	7.96	3.96	5.50	1.583
7 1/2%	Worldbank 76/83	106.40	7.15	4.92	5.74	1.1083
6 1/2%	Worldbank 76/83P	103.00	6.55	5.08	6.04	1.1283
6 1/2%	Worldbank 76/84	110.75	7.22	5.25	5.57	1.284
6 1/2%	Worldbank 76/85	101.25	6.43	3.87	5.13	15.982
6 1/2%	Worldbank 77/85P	104.75	6.68	3.33	6.07	1.385
6 1/2%	Worldbank 77/85P	102.75	6.33	6.50	5.97	1.385
6 1/2%	Worldbank 77/85	102.25	5.87	4.67	5.59	15.885
6 1/2%	Worldbank 77/87	105.50	6.64	8.17	6.12	1.187
6 1/2%	Worldbank 77/87	102.30	6.44	8.50	6.14	1.587
5 1/2%	Worldbank 78/84	101.75	5.81	9.75	6.01	1.884
5 1/2%	Worldbank 78/88	99.90	6.01	9.75	6.01	1.284
5 1/2%	Worldbank 78/90	97.70	5.89	9.71	6.07	1.287-90D
5 1/2%	Worldbank 78/90 (G)	103.75	6.51	2.78	5.35	9.972-83S
8 1/2%	Yokohama 69/84	105.50	8.14	3.24	3.25	30.773-84S
8 1/2%	Yokohama 71/86 (G)	105.50	7.58	4.28	4.67	1.885
8 1/2%	Yoshida Kogyo 75/80P	106.00	8.25	1.67	4.88	1.80
8 1/2%	Yugosl. Inv. Bank 77/84P	101.00	7.92	3.51	7.65	15.1275-85S

	Issue	Face Price	Current Yield	Life	Yield to Maturity	Repayment D - mandatory drawing by lot or S - serial fund
8%	ADELA 7/7/83	105.25	7.60	4.42	6.58	1. 483
7 1/2%	ADELA 77/82P	101.00	7.18	3.62	6.91	16. 862
7 1/2%	ADELA 77/82P	100.00	7.18	3.75	6.83	1. 882
6%	AEG 66/84	101.50	5.91	7.76	5.06	1. 782
6%	Alport Paris 9/18/87 (G)	101.00	8.44	2.75	6.08	1. 272 - 81D
6%	AKZO 75/82P	107.50	8.37	3.25	6.36	1. 82
7 1/2%	AKZO 76/83P	104.50	7.42	4.58	5.57	1. 683
6%	AKZO 78/84P	101.30	5.91	5.42	5.66	1. 484
8 1/2%	Alusuisse Int'l. 75/83	108.75	7.59	3.73	5.58	1. 881 - 83D
6%	AMEX Int'l. 77/84P	102.00	6.62	5.42	6.29	1. 484
10%	A.P.E.L. 74/81 (G)	103.75	9.46	2.06	6.90	10.277 - 81D
7 1/2%	ARBED Finance 76/83P	103.50	7.49	5.00	6.90	11.183
6%	ARBED Finance 77/87	101.00	6.68	8.58	6.59	1. 683 - 87S
6%	Arco Sundland 75/81P	101.00	8.65	2.67	6.71	1. 781
6%	Arco Sundland 77/89P	101.25	6.70	2.00	6.51	1. 82 - 89D
7%	Argentine 77/79	100.50	6.97	1.08	6.49	1. 70 - 79S
6%	Argentine 65/79	102.50	6.80	1.08	5.66	1. 72 - 79S
7 1/2%	Argentine 77/84	103.75	7.23	5.92	6.71	11.084
6%	Argentine 78/85	99.00	6.57	6.33	6.69	1. 385
6%	Argentine 78/88	96.50	6.74	7.93	7.09	11.184 - 88D
7%	Asian Dev. Bk. 69/84	103.00	6.80	3.25	6.06	1. 975 - 84S
8%	Asian Dev. Bk. 75/83P	105.00	8.10	2.04	5.83	16.11.80
8%	Asian Dev. Bk. 76/82	105.25	7.60	3.33	6.19	1. 382
7 1/2%	Asian Dev. Bk. 76/83P	105.00	7.38	3.62	6.40	1. 483
7 1/2%	Asian Dev. Bk. 77/85	103.25	6.71	4.62	6.15	1. 85
7 1/2%	Asian Dev. Bk. 78/88	95.25	7.27	9.50	6.17	1. 588
9 1/2%	ASKO 75/80P	104.00	9.13	1.42	6.40	1. 480
7 1/2%	Aumar 73/88 (G)	102.25	7.33	4.47	7.02	1. 279 - 88D
9%	Aumar 74/84 (G)	106.50	8.45	3.20	6.66	15. 877 - 84S
7%	Aumar 77/84 (G)	104.00	7.45	5.67	6.86	1. 784
6%	Australia 67/82	103.50	6.28	2.47	4.91	11.173 - 82S
6%	Australia 68/83	103.50	6.30	2.47	4.86	1. 874 - 83S
6%	Australia 69/84	103.50	6.30	2.66	5.25	1. 78 - 84S
7 1/2%	Australia 71/87	107.25	6.76	3.43	5.99	11.175 - 84S
7%	Australia 72/87	104.50	7.00	4.26	5.77	1. 278 - 87S
10%	Australia 74/80	108.50	9.22	1.92	5.21	11.080
9%	Australia 75/82	112.50	8.00	3.25	4.75	1. 282
8%	Australia 75/82 1P	108.50	7.60	3.42	5.44	1. 482
8%	Australia 75/82 1P	108.50	7.60	3.42	5.44	1. 582
7 1/2%	Australia 76/83	108.65	6.66	4.33	5.92	1. 883
7 1/2%	Australia 76/83P	103.12	5.09	3.92	4.36	11.082
5 1/2%	Australia 77/83	101.00	5.69	9.35	5.61	11.885 - 89S
6%	Australia 78/88	102.25	5.87	9.83	5.69	1. 988
6%	Austr. Ind. Dev. Corp. 72/87	102.25	6.60	4.80	6.19	11.178 - 87D
6%	Austr. Ship. Com. 76/83P (G)	105.50	7.58	4.83	6.62	1. 983
7%	Rep. of Austria 68/82	103.85	6.74	1.89	5.90	1. 473 - 82S
6%	Rep. of Austria 69/83	103.85	6.74	1.89	5.90	1. 483 - 83S
9%	Rep. of Austria 74/79P	103.50	9.18	0.67	4.01	1. 775
9%	Rep. of Austria 74/80P	109.00	8.94	2.00	4.92	11.180
9%	Rep. of Austria 74/81P	111.00	8.78	2.08	5.73	11.281
9%	Rep. of Austria 75/80P	105.75	8.98	1.25	4.63	1. 280
8%	Rep. of Austria 75/81P	106.00	7.78	2.58	5.66	1. 681
8%	Rep. of Austria 75/82P	104.00	8.41	1.88	6.38	1. 473 - 82D
8%	Rep. of Austria 75/83	104.00	8.44	2.25	7.12	1. 283
8%	Rep. of Austria 75/83P	103.50	8.45	2.35	7.05	1. 479 - 83D
8%	Rep. of Austria 75/87	108.65	7.82	5.40	6.22	1. 578 - 87S
7%	Rep. of Austria 76/86	109.75	7.06	5.97	5.76	2. 583 - 86S
6%	Rep. of Austria 77/85	105.75	6.38	5.53	5.51	1. 483 - 85S
7%	Rep. of Austria 77/87P	104.50	6.70	6.11	6.09	1. 183 - 87D
6%	Rep. of Austria 77/87P	104.25	6.47	6.19	5.99	1. 283 - 87D
5 1/2%	Rep. of Austria 78/88P	100.00	6.00	7.29	5.87	11.784 - 88D
5 1/2%	Rep. of Austria 78/88P	98.25	6.79	7.45	5.87	11.185 - 90S
5 1/2%	Rep. of Austria 78/90	98.25	5.85	12.00	5.96	11.185 - 90S
7%	Autopistas Catalan 78/85P	100.50	6.97	6.21	6.89	16. 1.85
7%	Autopistas Espan. 69/84 (G)	103.50	7.00	3.08	6.07	1. 773 - 84S
8%	Autopistas Espan. 71/86 (G)	105.85	7.56	4.25	6.51	11.077 - 86S
8%	Autopistas Espan. 72/87 (G)	101.25	6.67	4.71	6.43	11.078 - 87D
7%	Rep. of Austria 73/86 (G)	104.75	7.64	3.33	6.83	11.177 - 86S
7%	Rep. of Austria 74/81 (G)	107.00	7.64	3.33	6.83	11.177 - 86S
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	Issue	Mid/Pre Price	Current Yield	Libor	Yield to Maturity	Repayment D - mandatory drawing by 1st at par S - sinking fund
61%	Denmark 77/83	103.25	6.54	4.54	5.90	16. 583
71%	Denmark 77/87	105.75	6.86	8.54	6.35	16. 587
21%	Denmark 78/84	99.90	5.26	5.25	5.27	1. 284
6%	Denmark 78/88	99.80	6.01	9.25	6.02	1. 288
6%	Den Norske Ind. 77/89 (G)	103.45	6.52	8.84	6.02	1. 680-89D
6%	Den Norske Ind. 78/90 (G)	100.150	5.99	7.85	5.97	1. 583-90D
61%	District of Paris 69/84 (G)	102.35	5.66	3.08	5.67	1. 575-84D
6%	E.C. 76/83	107.25	6.76	4.42	5.35	1. 483
71%	Elec. Council 71/86 (G)	104.50	7.42	3.67	6.45	1. 377-86S
71%	Elektrosbras 77/87 (G)	101.25	6.91	6.77	6.76	1. 9831-87S
61%	Elektrosbras 78/86 (G)	98.00	6.89	7.42	7.10	1. 486
61%	Elf Aquitaine 78-88	95.00	5.53	8.52	6.01	15. 586-88D
61%	Elf Norge 77/80P	101.00	5.69	1.46	5.00	16. 480
54%	Elkem 78/88P	98.00	5.87	7.52	6.08	1. 584-88D
6%	ENEL 65/80 (G)	100.20	5.99	1.16	5.89	1. 769-80D
61%	Ericsson 72/87	102.30	6.60	4.55	6.12	1. 378-87S
61%	ESAB 76/81P	98.40	8.33	2.25	6.27	1. 281
61%	ESCOM 65/80 (G)	101.00	6.44	1.41	5.73	1.1071-80D
61%	ESCOM 68/83 (G)	98.25	6.62	2.85	7.19	1.1074-83D
81%	ESCOM 70/85 (G)	103.50	8.21	3.28	7.24	1. 476-85D
8%	ESCOM 71/86 (G)	101.75	7.86	3.64	7.58	1. 377-86D
64%	ESCOM 72/87 (G)	95.00	6.58	4.59	7.57	1. 978-87D
79%	ESCOM 73/88 (G)	96.75	7.24	4.69	7.84	1. 579-88D
91%	ESCOM 75/81 (G)	104.75	8.83	1.75	6.27	1. 880
61%	ESCOM 78/81 IP (G)	101.00	7.92	1.70	7.32	15. 180-81D
8%	ESCOM 78/81 IP (G)	101.25	7.84	1.74	7.33	1. 280-81D
61%	ESCOM 78/81P (G)	101.60	8.17	2.25	7.72	1. 281
71%	ESTEL 73/88	105.40	7.35	4.55	6.53	1. 879-88S
81%	ESTEL 75/85	106.30	8.00	4.92	6.93	1. 681-85S
81%	ESTEL 76/83P	106.75	7.96	4.33	6.64	1. 383
61%	ESTEL 77/84P	100.50	6.47	6.00	6.40	1.1184
61%	ESTEL 77/84P	100.00	6.25	6.06	6.25	1.1282-84D
61%	ESTEL 78/85P	99.50	6.28	1.92	6.34	1.1080-85D
51%	Euratom 77/87	98.40	5.84	9.00	5.94	1.1187
51%	Eurofima 64/79	101.00	5.45	0.75	4.09	1. 867-79D
61%	Eurofima 65/80	103.00	5.83	1.07	3.11	1.1268-80D
61%	Eurofima 67/83	105.50	6.16	2.79	4.36	1. 971-83D
71%	Eurofima 71/86	102.50	7.56	4.11	7.02	1. 275-86D
61%	Eurofima 72/87	100.00	6.22	4.44	6.12	1. 976-87D
61%	Eurofima 73/88	103.25	3.00	4.61	5.67	1. 377-88D
10%	Eurofima 73/88	104.50	7.66	5.14	6.93	1.1077-88D
8%	Eurofima 74/79P	105.00	9.52	1.08	5.12	1.1279
9%	Eurofima 75/85	109.00	8.26	4.19	6.46	1. 281-85D
8%	Eurofima 76/83	110.75	7.22	4.25	5.11	1. 283
61%	Eurofima 77/87P	104.50	6.46	6.19	5.96	1. 283-87D
51%	Eurofima 78/88	98.75	5.78	2.71	5.72	15. 284-88D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 69/84	101.25	5.78	2.77	4.59	1. 375-84D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 69/84	105.50	6.64	3.42	5.39	1.1175-84D
71%	Europ. Inv. Bank 70/80	105.60	7.58	1.50	4.16	2. 580
71%	Europ. Inv. Bank 71/86	106.00	7.08	3.69	5.75	1. 377-86D
61%	Europ. Inv. Bank 71/86	107.25	7.23	4.27	5.78	1.1076-86D
61%	Europ. Inv. Bank 72/87	104.50	6.25	1.16	5.39	1. 378-87D
71%	Europ. Inv. Bank 72/87	105.00	6.51	5.19	6.45	1. 980-87D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 73/88	103.00	5.55	4.96	6.02	1. 279-88S
7%	Europ. Inv. Bank 73/88	103.90	6.74	5.38	6.12	1. 779-88S
10%	Europ. Inv. Bank 74/81P	110.50	9.05	2.83	5.86	1. 981
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 75/80	106.75	7.49	2.08	4.53	1.1280
91%	Europ. Inv. Bank 75/83	111.00	8.56	3.15	5.58	1. 181-83D
8%	Europ. Inv. Bank 76/83	106.50	7.47	4.13	5.66	1. 980-83D
71%	Europ. Inv. Bank 76/83P	107.25	7.23	4.92	6.00	1.1083
61%	Europ. Inv. Bank 76/84	106.00	6.37	4.55	5.23	1.1281-84D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 77/89	100.50	5.97	7.10	5.91	1. 882-89D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 78/88P	100.00	6.00	9.25	6.00	1. 888
51%	Europ. Inv. Bank 78/90	93.10	5.64	8.74	6.29	1. 385-90D
6%	Europ. Inv. Bank 78/90	99.00	6.06	11.52	6.12	1.1090
81%	Europ. Inv. Bank 79/83	106.50	7.80	3.92	6.58	1. 978-86D
61%	Hoplistas 71/86 (G)	103.75	7.71	3.94	7.01	1. 178-87D
7%	Fin. Inst. f. Denmark 76/81P	102.50	7.32	2.21	6.24	1.1278-81S
6%	Finland 64/79	100.25	6.23	0.83	6.01	1. 970-79D
6%	Finland 64/80	100.75	5.96	1.17	5.39	2. 171-80D

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7%	Finland 68/83	102.25	6.85	2.52	6.11	1. 672-83D
7%	Finland 68/83	102.50	6.59	3.03	5.92	1.1272-83D
7%	Finland 69/84	102.35	6.94	2.91	6.20	2. 576-83D
7%	Finland 69/84	103.00	6.80	3.32	6.58	1.1073-84D
8%	Finland 72/87	101.25	8.40	3.38	8.23	clid., 1.1278-10S
8%	Finland 72/87	101.90	6.87	4.20	6.58	1. 478-87S
8%	Finland 76/84	103.75	7.71	4.04	6.89	1. 681-84S
51%	Finland 78/83P	99.00	5.56	4.25	5.76	1. 283
51%	Finland 78/86	97.40	5.90	7.25	6.20	1. 286
51%	Fin. Kommunal 69/81 (G)	103.00	7.28	2.06	6.02	1.1272-81D
8%	Fin. Kommunal 71/83 (G)	102.88	7.78	2.44	6.82	2. 576-83D
51%	Fin. Zbk. Vienna 76/83	105.25	8.44	3.13	6.33	1. 780-83D
51%	Foremarks 78/90 (G)	97.30	5.91	7.55	6.20	16. 183-90D
71%	France 76/83 (G)	106.00	7.08	4.96	6.06	16.1083
61%	France 77/84P (G)	103.50	6.52	5.42	5.96	1. 484
7%	Fuji Heavy 76/81P	102.00	6.86	3.08	6.26	1.1281
8%	Gen. Zbk. Vienna 75/83P	109.80	8.45	3.33	6.00	1. 382
8%	Gen. Zbk. Vienna 76/86P	103.75	7.01	3.92	6.41	2. 583
8%	Gen. Zbk. Vienna 77/87	103.25	5.81	7.03	5.43	1.1283-87D
91%	Giroz. Vienna 74/78P	100.00	9.75	0.08	9.33	due 1.1278
91%	Giroz. Vienna 74/79P	105.00	9.29	1.08	4.88	1.1279
9%	Giroz. Vienna 74/80P	108.00	9.03	2.08	5.57	1.1280
9%	Giroz. Vienna 76/81	105.25	6.65	3.00	5.07	1.1181
9%	Giroz. Vienna 76/83	105.35	6.87	3.00	5.93	1.1183
51%	Giroz. Vienna 77/82	101.75	5.41	9.92	5.87	1. 378-82D
51%	Giroz. Vienna 77/82	99.25	5.79	7.92	5.87	1.1086
51%	G. S. 78/83P	98.75	6.08	4.33	6.33	1. 382-83D
6%	Goteborg 75/85P	109.00	8.94	4.18	7.17	1. 281-85D
6%	Goodyear Tire 72/87	101.75	6.63	4.33	6.27	clid., 1.1278-101S
7%	Grand Metrop. Fin. 77/84	102.25	6.85	4.21	6.36	1. 881-84S
7%	Guardian Inv. 73/83P	101.00	7.18	2.19	6.72	1. 279-83D
7%	Guar. Vienna 78/86P	106.75	7.55	4.50	6.41	1. 583
7%	Hawley Iron 72/87	102.95	6.56	4.47	5.97	1. 778-87S
8%	Hazama-Gumi 76/81P	105.00	7.62	2.58	5.84	1. 681
7%	Helsinki 68/83	103.00	6.80	2.61	5.82	1. 772-83D

	Issue	Par Value	Current Price	Life*	Yield to Maturity	Repayment D-maturity drawing by lot at par S = 1000000
71	Jyske Telefon 69/84	102.25	7.09	3.28	6.58	15. 975-845
61	Jyske Telefon 72/87	101.00	6.68	4.32	6.46	1. 378-775
71	Jyske Telefon 73/88	102.00	7.11	4.54	6.75	1. 279-785
9	Jyske Telefon 75/82P	107.75	8.35	3.67	5.4	1. 782
6	Kansai Electric 69/84	102.60	6.58	2.75	5.79	1. 375-845
7	Kansai Electric 71/86	104.50	7.42	3.84	6.37	1. 375-845
7	Kawasaki Steel 75/82	105.00	7.32	5.56	5.4	1. 680-82
7	KELCAP 73/88	102.70	6.57	4.76	6.07	1. 579-885
7	KfD Finance 71/86	103.00	6.55	4.31	5.92	2. 378-875
7	Kjbenhavns H. Bank 76/83P	103.00	7.16	5.09	6.66	1.12.83
7	Kjbenhavns Tel. 72/87	102.80	7.30	4.69	6.50	2. 178-875
7	Kjbenhavns Tel. 72/87	103.75	6.88	4.29	6.50	1. 578-875
6	Kjbenhavns Tel. 73/88	100.20	6.49	5.12	6.44	1. 475-885
5	KLM Royal Dutch Airl. 78/85P	99.00	5.05	3.40	5.21	1. 574-855
7	Kobe 68/83 (G)	103.75	6.75	2.53	5.46	1. 573-835
6	Kobe 69/84 (G)	104.00	6.49	2.92	5.32	1. 573-845
7	Kobe 71/86 (G)	103.25	6.54	4.31	5.86	1. 578-875
8	Kobe 72/87 (G)	103.25	6.54	4.31	5.86	1. 578-875
7	Kobe 75/80P (G)	104.50	7.89	1.58	5.18	1. 650
7	Kobe 76/83 (G)	107.00	7.01	4.58	5.71	1. 683
6	Kobe 77/87 (G)	106.00	6.13	8.58	5.59	1. 687
5	Kobe 78/86 (G)	101.50	5.67	7.67	5.50	1. 786
7	Kommun. Inst. 76/83	102.60	7.55	3.39	6.84	1. 491-83D
8	Kommun. Inst. 76/84	103.00	7.74	4.05	7.03	15.107-84D
7	Korea Dev. Bank 77/84 (G)	100.20	7.24	6.08	7.70	1.12.81-82D
5	Kubota Ind. 77/82P	100.25	5.31	3.18	5.00	1. 384-82D
5	Kvaerner Ind. 78/84P	106.25	5.85	2.27	6.05	1. 384-84D
8	Light-Services 77/82 (G)	102.35	5.00	3.33	5.4	1. 382
6	Light-Services 78/86 (G)	98.70	6.87	7.50	7.06	1. 385
10	Lonza Intl. 74/79P	104.00	9.62	1.30	5.77	1.17.79
8	Lonza Intl. 75/80P	103.25	7.99	1.54	5.54	13. 536
7	Malaysia 72/84	101.50	6.90	2.94	4.4	1. 678-84D
6	Malaysia 77/85	102.50	6.58	3.71	6.20	2. 381-84D
6	Malmo 76/83	105.00	7.82	2.80	6.03	1. 380-83D
6	Manitoba 77/84	105.25	6.18	5.67	5.39	1. 734
6	Manit. Hydro El. 72/87	105.00	6.43	4.40	5.48	1. 678-875
6	Megaf Fin. Comp. 78/90	100.00	6.25	11.77	6.25	2. 885-90D
7	M E P C 73/88	103.85	6.68	3.73	6.21	1. 675-88D
6	Mexico 68/80	103.00	6.80	1.08	4.16	1. 671-805
7	Mexico 68/84	102.70	6.75	3.11	5.76	2. 173-845
7	Mexico 73/88	102.75	7.09	4.40	6.4	1. 179-885
9	Mexico 75/82	109.25	8.24	3.67	6.09	1. 782
8	Mexico 76/83	108.25	7.39	4.58	5.89	1. 682
7	Mexico 77/84	106.25	7.29	5.58	5.77	1. 682
6	Mexico 78/85	107.00	5.58	4.42	5.58	1. 683
7	Mitsubishi Gas 76/81P	102.25	5.62	4.83	5.21	1. 931
7	Mitsubishi Ind. 78/83	102.25	5.62	4.83	5.21	1. 931
7	Mitsui Toatsu 76/81P	102.25	5.62	4.83	5.21	1. 931
6	MODO 75/83	104.15	8.63	3.04	7.26	1. 620-83D
7	Montreal 59/59	103.00	8.80	5.11	7.18	1. 670-89D
6	Montreal 72/82	99.25	6.04	6.65	5.11	1. 735-82D
6	Montreal 73/83	100.00	6.04	6.65	5.11	1. 674-8

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October 31, 1978: 6.12%					(September 29, 1978: 6.13%)				
61%	C.N. Energie 69/84P (G)	101.25	6.42	3.19	6.04	1.275-84D			
61%	C.N. Telecom. 68/83 (G)	103.25	6.30	2.95	5.28	1.174-83S			
61%	C.N. Telecom. 70/85 (G)	106.25	8.00	3.79	6.71	1.1076-85S			
61%	C.N. Telecom. 75/82 (G)	103.15	8.48	3.33	6.72	1.352			
61%	C.N. Telecom. 75/83 (G)	103.00	8.98	4.22	8.37	16.293			
61%	C.N. Telecom. 75/85 (G)	105.00	8.96	4.29	8.76	16.283			
71%	C.N. Telecom. 76/83 (G)	105.00	9.00	4.46	9.93	16.483			
71%	Comalco 71/86	105.50	7.35	4.12	6.31	1.677-86S			
91%	Comalco 75/82P	104.00	8.89	3.58	7.90	1.682			
71%	Com. Fed. Electr. 77/82P	99.50	7.04	3.83	7.14	1.982			
71%	Com. Fed. Electr. 77/84	104.75	7.64	5.58	6.93	1.684			
71%	Com. Fed. Electr. 77/85	101.80	7.12	3.91	6.84	1.684			
71%	Comp. F. Deutsche Bk. 78/86	97.65	7.35	7.16	6.18	1.484-88D			
51%	Comp. F. Deutsche Bk. 78/83P	98.75	4.43	4.50	4.68	1.583			
51%	Comp. F. Deutsche Bk. 78/84P	99.75	5.01	5.17	5.06	1.184			
61%	Comp. Franc. Petr. 75/85	107.00	7.94	4.13	6.50	1.580-85S			
61%	Comp. Franc. Petr. 77/84	104.60	6.21	5.65	5.52	1.784			
61%	Consorzio 70/91 (G)	107.00	7.94	6.27	7.22	1.177-91D			
51%	Continental OH 70/85	102.25	8.07	4.13	7.59	elidp.11.1278-1021			
51%	Copenhagen 64/84	102.35	5.62	4.55	5.01	15.1270-84D			
71%	Copenhagen 68/84	102.25	6.85	3.29	6.16	2.572-83S			
71%	Copenhagen 68/83	102.80	6.57	3.00	5.80	1.675-84S			
71%	Copenhagen 69/84	106.00	3.1	3.96	6.11	1.477-86S			
71%	Copenhagen 70/86	105.85	7.09	5.92	6.28	1.1281-86S			
71%	Council of Europe 73/81P	101.50	6.40	2.50	5.82	1.581			
71%	Council of Europe 73/88	104.00	6.73	4.93	6.03	1.779-88D			
91%	Council of Europe 75/82P	108.00	8.80	3.25	6.66	1.282			
81%	Council of Europe 76/83	105.10	8.09	2.19	5.93	1.273-83D			
71%	Council of Europe 76/83	105.50	7.35	2.97	5.66	1.580-83D			
71%	Council of Europe 76/83	105.00	6.67	5.08	5.93	1.1283			
71%	Council of Europe 77/87	100.80	6.20	6.94	6.11	1.1183-87D			
61%	Council of Europe 78/86P	99.75	6.20	7.67	6.12	1.786			
61%	Council of Europe 78/88	99.65	6.13	7.48	6.16	16.584-88D			
61%	Courtauds Int'l. 72/86	102.25	5.02	5.96	5.75	1.780-87S			
71%	Courtauds Int'l. 73/87	101.00	7.18	4.47	5.97	1.279-88S			
71%	Courtauds Int'l. 73/87 (G)	102.25	5.87	6.86	5.59	1.1083-87S			
51%	Credit National 78/83P (G)	101.62	5.66	4.83	5.35	1.983			
51%	CVRD 76/84	107.50	8.37	4.23	6.88	1.281(82-84)			
81%	CVRD 76/86	107.25	7.93	5.55	6.14	1.1282(83-86)			
81%	Daimler-Benz 70/85	106.25	7.53	3.88	6.26	1.1178-85D			
51%	Dalshous Paper 78/83P	100.00	5.50	4.75	5.89	1.679-83D			
51%	Danish Export 77/82P	100.25	5.99	2.26	5.99	1.1178-82D			
51%	Danish Export 78/83P	100.25	5.99	2.26	5.99	1.1182-86S			
61%	Den Danske Bk. 76/86	100.00	6.50	1.41	6.60	1.1072-80D			
61%	Denmark 69/84	102.50	6.76	3.17	5.85	1.875-84S			
61%	Denmark 72/87	102.25	6.60	5.08		1.1278-87S			
61%	Denmark 74/89	109.00	8.49	5.55	7.21	1.380-89S			
91%	Denmark 76/82	107.25	7.69	3.25	5.73	1.182			
						1.982			

81	Hitchai Shipbild.	76/81	103.00	8.01	2.33	6.79	1.381
81	Hogevogs	70/85	104.25	8.15	3.44	7.21	1.676-85D
81	Ind. Am. Dev. Bank	75/85 (G)	100.00	8.18	1.07	6.64	1.88-85D
81	Iceland	69/84	102.50	7.07	3.91	6.40	1.573-84S
81	Iceland	77/87	102.50	7.36	5.19	6.51	1.480-87S
81	I C1 Int'l.	72/92	103.70	6.27	6.58	5.80	1.378-92D
81	I C1 Int'l.	75/82	104.50	8.13	3.75	7.08	1.882
81	I C1 Int'l.	76/86	104.75	7.16	7.06	6.63	1.128-86D
81	I C1 Int'l.	77/87	104.75	6.57	5.98	5.98	1.584-87D
81	ICPU	71/91 (G)	103.50	7.73	6.24	7.42	1.177-91D
81	Imatran Voima	71/86 (G)	104.25	7.67	3.94	6.86	1.477-86S
81	Imatran Voima	72/87 (G)	104.00	7.69	4.49	7.06	1.178-87S
81	Indonesia	78/84	97.75	7.16	5.92	7.48	1.108-84
71	Ind. Dev. C. Sch.-Afr.	78/82P (G)	100.00	7.75	3.50	7.73	1.582
71	Ind. Dev. C. Sch.-Afr.	78/83P (G)	100.00	8.00	4.67	7.98	1.783
61	Ind. Industr. Bk.	Japan 73/81P	100.00	6.40	1.58	5.46	1.581
61	Ind. Industr. Bk.	Japan 73/81P	101.50	5.40	2.50	5.82	1.581
51	Ind. Industr. Bk.	Japan 78/84	100.40	4.98	5.17	4.91	1.184
71	Ind. Min. Dev. Iran	73/85	98.50	7.61	6.50	7.79	1.577-85S
71	Ind. Min. Dev. Iran	77/87	97.50	7.95	8.67	8.15	1.783-87S
71	Ind. Min. Dev. Iran	78/84	97.50	7.44	5.87	7.79	16.984
61	Ind. Mgebk.	Finl. 64/79 (G)	100.10	6.24	0.50	6.03	2.570-79D
61	Ind. Mgebk.	Finl. 68/80 (G)	101.00	6.68	1.13	6.78	1.1125-80D
61	Ind. Mgebk.	Finl. 71/86 (G)	101.00	6.48	1.41	6.13	1.177-86D
71	Ind. Mgebk.	Finl. 72/87 (G)	102.20	6.85	4.46	6.52	1.779-87D
91	Ind. Mgebk.	Finl. 75/84 (G)	103.25	8.72	2.81	7.64	clld.p.1, 479(102)
51	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	64/79	101.00	5.45	0.67	3.91	1.770-79D
61	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	68/83	103.80	5.50	2.62	5.24	1.772-83S
71	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	69/84	102.50	5.83	3.16	6.21	1.875-84S
81	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	70/85	106.50	7.98	3.71	6.60	1.976-85S
61	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	72/87 I	101.85	6.63	4.58	6.26	1.678-87S
61	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	72/87 II	102.00	6.62	4.99	6.27	1.178-87S
71	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	76/83P	100.00	7.55	4.23	6.39	16.283
81	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	77/87 PPP	100.00	6.60	4.67	6.45	1.283
71	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	77/87	104.00	7.73	6.11	6.19	1.183-87S
61	Int. Am. Dev. Bank	78/88	100.25	6.23	9.17	6.21	1.188
61	Int'l. Com'l. Bank	73/83	102.50	6.59	2.53	5.64	1.679-83D
71	I R A N	68/78	99.40	7.29	0.08	15.06	due 1.1278
81	Ireland	76/81	107.40	7.68	2.17	5.57	1.481
51	I R I ex. warr.	64/79 (G)	100.00	5.75	0.66	5.82	30.675-79D
71	ISCOR	71/86 (G)	100.65	7.89	1.89	7.69	1.677-86D
71	ISCOR	72/87 (G)	97.50	7.18	4.17	7.86	1.478-87D
71	ISCOR	73/88 (G)	103.00	6.80	4.58	6.22	1.379-88D
71	ISCOR	73/88 (G)	101.80	8.35	5.19	8.06	1.1178-88D
81	ISCOR	77/80 IP	100.00	6.17	7.64	7.64	1.979-80D
81	ISCOR	77/80 IIP (G)	101.80	8.17	1.62	7.55	16.1279-80D
71	ISCOR	78/82P (G)	100.00	7.75	2.91	7.72	1.481-82D
81	ISCOR	78/84P (G)	100.50	8.21	5.96	8.14	16.1084
61	Japan	64/79	101.50	5.91	0.58	3.40	1.670-79D
61	Japan	68/83	104.75	6.68	2.29	4.83	1.372-83S
71	Japan Dev. Bank	76/83 (G)	105.55	6.87	4.42	5.78	1.483
81	Japan Synth. Rub.	76/81P	106.50	7.75	2.67	5.54	1.781
81	Johannesburg	78/86 (G)	101.50	7.88	4.41	7.55	1.77-86D
61	Johannesburg	72/87 (G)	92.80	6.66	5.88	7.91	1.584-87D
61	Johannesburg	72/87P (G)	98.25	7.77	3.50	7.81	10.982

WestLB SD Certificates (Schuldschein-Index)									
4 years maturity: 6.00%					5 years maturity: 6.25%				
61%	Ontario Hydro 72/87	104.25	6.24	4.94	5.49	1.680-87D			
62%	Ontario Hydro 73/88	105.90	6.41	5.70	5.27	1.381-88D			
63%	Osaka 64/79 (G)	100.25	6.48	0.17	5.01	due 2.1.79			
64%	Osaka 65/80	102.80	6.98	1.25	3.91	1.275-80D			
65%	Oslø 64/79	100.75	5.97	0.42	4.83	due 1.1.79			
66%	Oslø 65/80	100.75	5.97	0.53	4.86	1.271-80D			
67%	Oslø 65/80	102.25	5.95	0.33	4.87	due 1.3.79			
70%	Oslø 69/84	104.85	7.15	3.42	6.00	1.1175-84D			
71%	Oslø 71/87	105.00	7.14	4.70	6.25	2.178-87S			
61%	Oslø 73/90	104.60	6.49	6.02	5.93	1.775-90S			
90%	Oslø 75/87	103.00	5.33	4.31	6.75	1.376-87S			
61%	Papua 72/83	102.75	6.57	5.38	6.13	1.775-83S			
62%	Parker-Hannfin 77/87P	101.50	6.57	6.52	6.45	1.683-87D			
71%	Pemex 76/83	110.25	6.86	5.06	6.32	1.1283			
72%	Pemex 77/84	103.60	6.86	5.06	6.34	1.614			
81%	Pemex 78/86	103.50	6.74	7.17	6.37	1.185			
79%	Petrobras 77/84	106.50	6.44	5.92	6.81	1.1049			
79%	Petrobras 78/88	99.25	7.63	7.85	7.12	1.1084-88D			
71%	Philippine 77/84	99.25	7.30	6.00	7.41	1.1184			
61%	Philippine 78/85	96.00	7.03	6.42	7.55	1.425			
81%	Philips 75/81P	106.00	8.25	2.42	5.98	1.481			
81%	Philips 75/81P	105.00	8.10	2.46	6.21	15.481			
83%	Philips 75/82	107.85	8.11	2.37	6.08	15.322			
92%	PK-Banken 78/88	95.75	6.01	7.44	6.48	1.524-88D			
91%	Patm. Malmeo 75/80P	104.50	8.97	4.50	5.98	1.580			
71%	Privatbank. Copenh. 77/83P	102.75	6.86	4.22	6.60	1.483			
71%	Rijm. Luxembh. 77/69 (G)	102.75	6.86	8.25	5.89	1.984-89C			
71%	Quebec 72/87	101.00	6.44	4.47	6.23	1.778-87D			
61%	Quebec 77/87	104.80	7.32	8.25	6.41	1.267			
72%	Quebec 77/87	105.50	6.87	8.58	6.39	1.687			
62%	Quebec 78/90	97.25	6.17	8.91	6.41	1.585-90D			
62%	Quebec Hydro EL 69/84	101.35	6.96	2.26	5.89	1.275-84C			
71%	Quebec Hydro EL 69/84	104.26	6.95	2.25	6.28	1.975-84C			
81%	Quebec Hydro EL 71/86	105.10	7.41	4.16	6.48	1.427-86C			
61%	Quebec Hydro EL 72/87	103.20	6.26	4.23	5.98	1.478-87C			
61%	Quebec Hydro EL 73/88	101.90	6.33	6.08	6.00	1.374-88C			
61%	Quebec Hydro 77/87	101.75	6.08	8.79	6.08	16.887			
61%	Quebec Hydro EL 77/87	100.50	6.21	9.08	6.16	1.1287			

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A paper tiger seeking teeth

THIS MORNING, about 1,200 of Britain's leading industrialists, senior managers and small businessmen will gather in the Dome at Brighton for a day and a half of debates which they hope will help to establish them as a potent political and industrial force in Britain.

The event is the second national conference of the Confederation of British Industry. The first was held a year ago and helped to give others involved a new sense of self-confidence in their ability to mount public debates and to reach their creed on the value of the profit motive in a mixed economy.

Such buoyancy is essential if the CBI is to succeed in its aim of taking on the TUC at its own game of policy development and presentation, and so to reverse the Leftward slide in policies that businessmen opposed with little effect a few years ago.

But many senior CBI leaders now that their activities are something of a "con trick" because the CBI packs neither the political nor the industrial out of the TUC. Even though it has sometimes been able to cash in on the weaknesses of the present Government's minority position in Parliament, the CBI suffers from the basic problem that it has no primary role in the political arena and that its members instinctively dislike collectivist action.

"Because of this," Sir John Methven, who has helped to build the CBI's self-confidence and credibility since he became director general 21 years ago, acknowledges that he is "rampantly engaged in a propaganda battle." "When I arrived here I set out first to make the CBI a good research house and then to back this up with good public relations work, and I think we have done this," says Sir John, who has established himself as a stubborn and persistent advocate with Govern-

ment Ministers, civil servants and others.

His primary interest in research and public relations has led to a number of innovations including publication of an annual "Britain Means Business" policy document, and a major attempt to build up the CBI's presence and newspaper coverage in the regions. As a result, the CBI's membership has increased, with retailers, insurance companies and many others spreading its membership base beyond just manufacturing industry. Now, with 400 new company members this year bringing the total to 15,000, companies plus trade associations, it is expanding its recruitment campaign to embrace businesses such as advertising agencies, management consultants, accountancy firms and stockbrokers. And last month it broke new ground by admitting its first major member from Japan, Sony UK, which has a factory in South Wales.

A new generation of senior industrialists have also emerged at the top of the CBI and it is from them that future CBI presidents will be chosen. This in itself is a change from the past when at least one president claimed he had never set foot in the CBI's headquarters until he was picked for the job and became the heir apparent with the title of deputy president for a year. Now, Mr. John Greenborough, who took over as president from Lord Watkinson in January, is backed up by people like Sir Adrian Cadbury of Cadbury Schweppes, Sir Ray Pennock of ICI, Mr. Alex Jarrett of Reed, Sir Terence Beckett of Ford (who was a major speaker last year but may stay away from Brighton this time), and Sir Campbell Fraser of Dunlop.

At a time when industry has become more interested in the business of political lobbying,

men such as these play a significant role in trying to win the minds, if not the hearts, of politicians and civil servants. But Sir John Methven has also widened the scope of the CBI's lobbying and, during a battle earlier in the year over the Budget's tax proposals, CBI activists lobbied their local MPs around the country as well as at Westminster. Now the CBI has a list of one or two industrialists in each of 520 of the country's 630 constituencies who have established links with their local MPs and who stand ready to go into action again if necessary.

"The National Farmers' Union has done this sort of local lobbying for some time and we have learned from it," says Sir John. "Some MPs complained earlier this year that they only heard from the CBI when it was in trouble, so we are maintaining regular contacts as well."

Sir John is confident that these and other lobbying activities (Mr. Enoch Powell visited him in the CBI headquarters when the Ulster Unionists' vote was crucial in the Budget tax battle) have won a new respect for the CBI. "The Government is listening to us now. We have taken on the Government's public relations machine over issues like pay contract clauses and we have not lost that battle. Now there is a lot of steam in industry about price controls and we'll fight with the MPs again as to that if necessary."

The day-and-a-half of debates that start this morning in Brighton therefore provide a carefully-designed high spot in this public relations exercise. Resolutions and subjects to be debated have been chosen by the CBI's leaders and, following some rather woolly contributions from the floor last year, carefully-worded "position papers" have been circulated on each main topic to guide the

thoughts of speakers into constructive avenues.

Thus, for example, on the CBI's opposition to worker directors, the issues highlighted for debate include whether there should be any legislation on the subject at all.

On pay, the question of "employer solidarity" in the face of union pressure is highlighted. On the future prospects for employment in an age of high technology, members are asked to ponder whether social security benefits are a disincentive to work and whether shortages of skilled workers are really a serious problem.

Some 1,200 representatives from 725 companies and trade associations (with the biggest delegations of 10 each coming from ICI and United Biscuits) will pack the Dome conference hall for these debates along with 200 observers and 350 journalists, broadcasters and technicians. The conference will be opened by Mr. Greenborough, and other major speakers will include Mr. Michael Edwards of BL, who will attack his favourite subject of the need for tax reforms to unleash new energy and enthusiasm at all levels of a company's managerial and shop floor workforce, and Sir Peter Parker of British Rail.

The whole event is, of course, geared more to promoting the virtues of capitalism and the mixed economy than thrashing out new policies and it is therefore very different from the TUC or Labour Party conferences that show scant regard for their public image. In organisation and mood it is more akin to the stage-managed Conservative conferences, and the outcome of the debates will affect the fringe of the CBI's policies rather than its basic attitudes.

For example, after last year's conference, overtones of corporate state and of rigid pay norms were removed from the CBI's policy paper on long-term pay reforms. But despite an outcry from its small firm members, the CBI still believes in an economic forum to debate pay and other issues and it also wants governments to indicate the broad limits for pay bargaining. On tax, the target dates for changes were shortened, but calls for all closed shops to be outlawed and for all industrial democracy legislation to be condemned have yet to be adopted. Gradually, however, if, as seems likely, the conference becomes a firm annual fixture, the debates may be given a positive constitutional role in the CBI's policy making.

What has all this activity actually achieved? Has it simply boosted the morale of dispirited businessmen or have Government policies been changed? Sir John is sure that policies have been changed, although he acknowledges that it is hardly surprising that the CBI has had influence in the present political situation of a hung Parliament. But there have been few, if any, outright victories that the CBI can claim for its own.

Rather, it can say that it has helped to catch a tide of a certain subject or has successfully built at least a temporary dam on another.

The main issues of the year have been the Bullock worker-directors White Paper and proposed Bill, planning agreements, the Budget tax cuts, the enforcement of the Government's pay limit through public sector contract clauses and purchasing policies, and the longer-term development of pay bargaining. On the Bullock issue, the CBI has been on to a potential winner from the start, simply because it is not alone. Many Ministers are worried about the trade union power overtones, while the trade unions themselves are far from uniformly enthusiastic about shouldering the responsibilities and changes in role involved. Nevertheless,



Sir John Methven (left), the CBI's director-general, and its president, Mr. John Greenborough

the CBI has not succeeded in steering the Government away from its plans to prepare a Bill, even though there is scant chance of one becoming law before the next election.

It has also blocked companies signing planning agreements with the Government although it has gone along with the limited planning involved in the industrial strategy.

On the Budget tax proposals, the CBI successfully caught the tide and helped it along with determined and effective lobbying. And on pay it has relentlessly tried to persuade the Government (as well as the Conservative Party) to take a longer term view of the reforms that are needed. It wants the Government to publish a Green Paper on the subject soon. In the current pay debate it has done its best to steer the Government away from the TUC's ideas on price control.

But it is the contract clause battle that best illustrates the limitations of the CBI. When in February the Government announced its intention to insert clauses in its contracts with private sector companies pledging adherence to the pay opposition if the clauses were limit the CBI scored an immediate propaganda coup. Its publicity machine had been on standby for two months since before Christmas in case of such an announcement and it sprang into action just as Mr. Roy Hattersley, the Prices Secretary, spoke in the Commons. By comparison the Government's Press briefing arrangements were an abject failure and the CBI consequently won the initiative. For five weeks it then persuaded most of its members not to sign new contracts containing the clauses and, as a result, it successfully forced the Government to make changes that Sir John Methven, a company lawyer by training, insists were important. The clauses were then never used against a company.

So the propaganda was a success; but then, in July, the CBI members let Sir John down and refused to follow him on yet another essay in collective action. This occurred after CBI had failed to persuade the Government to drop the clauses at the start of the present pay round. Sir John wanted to publicise an array of methods that companies would deploy in that "con-trick."

Letters to the Editor

Co-operation required

From the Director of Personnel Administration, BL

Sir—Ken Gill (October 30) is right in no way can all the problems of BL be laid at the door of the workforce and the unions. We have never had such an accusation. The unions are far more complex and involve a whole range of factors including the changing world competitive scene.

To secure BL's future—and many the jobs, incomes and the thousands of others who depend on the company for their livelihoods—necessitates a very high level of co-operation between management, unions and workforce. We have pressed in terms of engineering resources and so on to meet our model programmes we need to use selectively outside engineering and design resources. If, for whatever reason, we are prevented from doing that, our programmes will slip, we shall suffer in the market place and employment will be at risk. It is as simple as that.

I therefore appeal to Ken Gill and everyone who is concerned with BL's future to co-operate fully in these programmes.

Al Lowry

1, Juffe House, 11-16 Piccadilly, W1.

The future of Leyland Cars

From Mr. B. Engert

Sir—Mr. K. Gill (October 30) says many the best people acts which he knows as well as the rest of us, implies attitudes which are not borne out of deeds and reeks of complacency. "As union we have been second to none in supporting policies which will ensure the survival and expansion of Leyland Cars"—what, by endless strikes of one action and then another, by massive absenteeism and by bysomal levels of production, as I speak?

We need no lectures about being responsible and realistic," he says—in the face of the general level of output, industry industry, as compared with our major competitors where the output is so much higher that the employees there earn their higher pay. It is not the lack of machinery here but the lack of use of such machinery, out perhaps Mr. Gill has not heard of the British Leyland efforts to get the magnificent modern Rover plant that cost 30m to be used round the clock and so pay its way—the cars has produced could be readily sold but the workforce refuses to far to allow a third shift.

S. Engert

Robinsonwood, Budd's Lane, Wittersham, Tenetden, Kent.

Environmental problems

From Mr. J. Burton

Sir—One purpose of *The Myth of Social Cost* by Professor S. C. Cheung (to which I contributed an epilogue) was to dismantle widespread misunderstandings regarding pollution and conservation problems—external effects—in the jargon of modern trade-theory on the new economic analysis of property rights systems which has emerged over the past two decades (and in which field Professor Cheung has been one of the leading figures).

Contravening policy

From Mr. T. Cotton

Sir—There is an advertisement in the Press for a chief executive for the Equal Opportunities Commission. It states "Initial salary £13,400 rising to £14,700 in April 1979 and £16,000 in April 1980." If it is assumed that the successful candidate joins the commission in January he or she will receive a pay increase of 9.7 per cent after three months, equivalent when compounded to 44.3 per cent per annum, to be followed by a further increase of 8.5 per cent in the following year.

It is obvious that this contravenes the declared policy of the present Government and the objects of the commission which are said to be to look towards the elimination of discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity. It will be interesting to learn what sanctions the Government will impose on the commission and what action the commission, in its own words, will take to "investigate, enforce and educate" itself.

T. Cotton

Askett Lodge, Askett, Buckinghamshire.

Battery power

From Mr. N. Jenkins

Sir—The report by Kenneth Gooding, November 1, refers to a Government grant of £1.9m to a company jointly owned by a battery maker and the Electricity Council—for development of the sulphur/sodium storage accumulator and use in road vehicles.

It is known that this battery requires a constant temperature of some 300 degrees C to keep at least the sulphur molten. The promise of an increase of three times in capacity/operating range should take the self-contained heating requirement into consideration. To charge the battery at base—and keep it hot—is no problem, constrained only by charging plus heating cost. But on the road this relatively high temperature has to be paid for in terms of amperes-hours drawn from the battery or heat supplied by auxiliary fuel carried on the vehicle.

Some months ago new lead-acid battery vehicles were demonstrated in a joint Greater London Council/Department of Industry venture using 2400,000 industry venture using 2400,000 of public money. We were not told how these vehicles were to be heated in winter; inquiries disclosed the use of an auxiliary (German-made) paraffin heater requiring an energy input equal to that of the lead-acid battery. In your issue of May 30 you reported the British sulphur/sodium batteries but we

Calculating air fares

From Mr. K. Way

Sir—I wish to draw attention to the unbalanced method of calculating air travel costs. When some years ago the International Air Transport Association pegged the basic fare construction unit to the U.S. dollar, an exchange rate with sterling of 2.6037 prevailed. Since which time many fluctuations of world currencies have occurred, and as a consequence, the value of the basic fare construction unit has been adjusted accordingly.

For example, when the pound was being exchanged with the dollar at nearly 1.60, and adjustment amounting to an increase of 50 per cent on the basic unit was approved by IATA. While it may be reasonable to accept increases in air fare constructions, when arranging my last overseas visit, I noticed the exchange

Safety at work

From the Director General, British Safety Council

Sir—Why, oh why, is Mr. Bill Simpson, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, so preoccupied with the anomalies of Crown immunity (Paul Taylor's article of October 31)?

If inspectors are finding serious contraventions of safety legislation in premises occupied by the Crown, then surely the sensible approach would be through the head of department or, if necessary, from Mr. Simpson to the responsible Minister. To prosecute would simply result in the legal profession collecting fat fees while the taxpayer loses whatever the outcome.

Clearly Mr. Simpson has not thought through the proposals he is putting forward, otherwise the commission would not have issued instructions not to prosecute individual Crown employees, for there can be no doubt to bring proceedings against the head of a government department, or an administrator in the health service, would be far more effective than prosecuting the Crown.

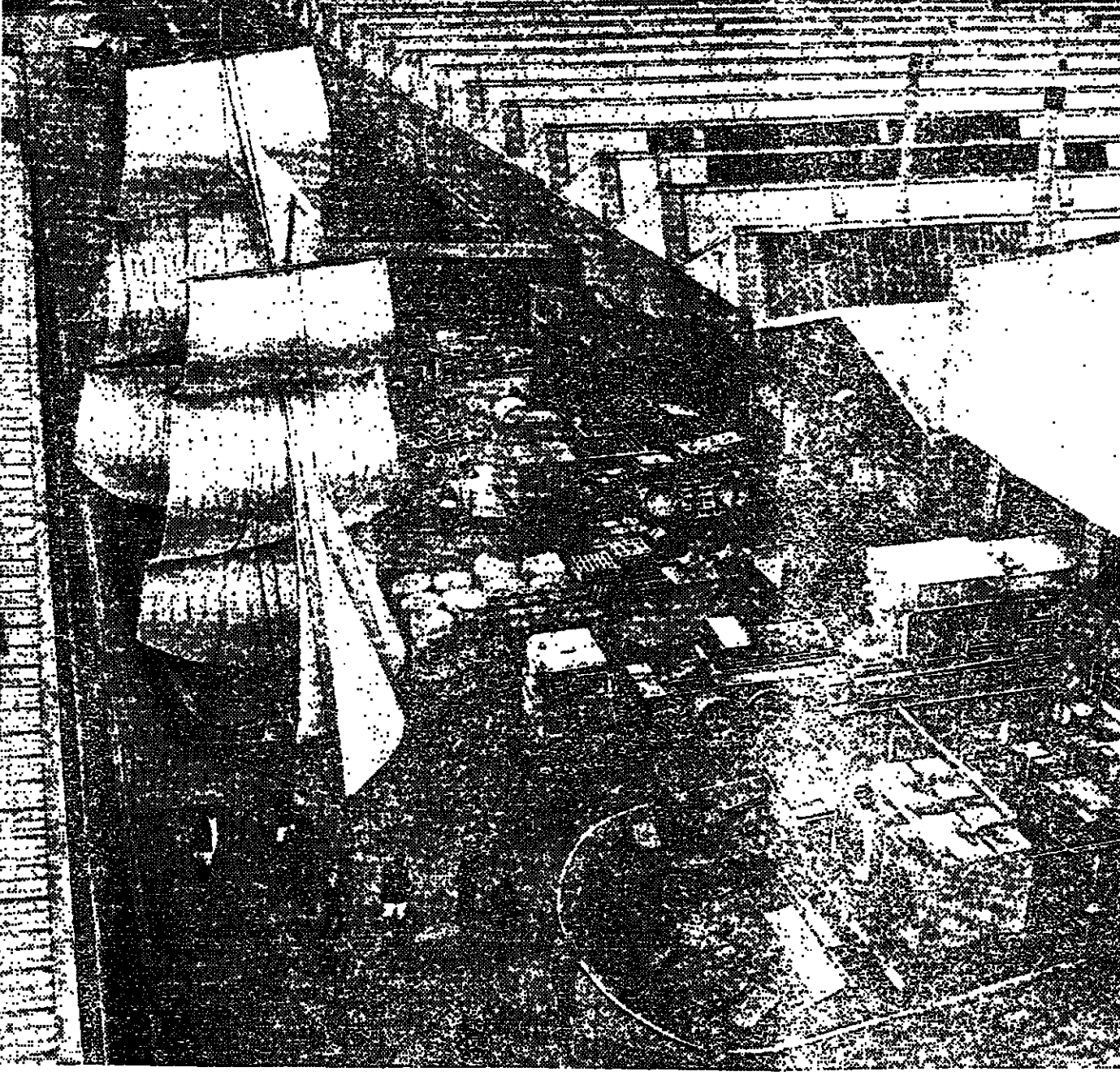
Why the Health and Safety Commission should find this non-existent problem worthy of so much time and effort gives rise to serious concern, especially when one is aware of hundreds of places of work where conditions fall short of the minimum legal standard and no action has been taken by the commission.

Unless these real (not imaginary) problems are tackled in the not too distant future, someone like me will surely inquire whether we are getting the value for the £38m the commission spends each year.

James Tye, National Safety Centre, Chancellor's Road, W6.

Today's Events

- Meeting of 33 union leaders of Ford Motor to hear results of mass meetings on pay.
- First day of Confederation of British Industry annual conference at The Dome, Brighton—morning session on productivity—afternoon covers employee participation.
- Delegates of Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) in London for two days of talks with the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders—discussions concern prospects for Japanese car exports to the UK.
- Mr. Wang Chen, Vice-Premier of China, arrives in London for two-week visit—the most senior Chinese official yet to come to Britain.
- Mr. Emil Wojaszek, Foreign Minister of Poland, on official visit to UK.
- Mobil ends subsidy to some 800 dealers by up to 5.5p a gallon.
- EEC monetary committee of officials begin two-day talks.
- London Metal Exchange introduces a special five minute option trading session for each morning in a three-month trial period—they begin at 11.35 am just before start of normal metal "trading."
- Revision of Port of London Authority general import schedule comes into effect, which includes the abolition of basic cargo and
- Introduction of an import service charge.
- Mr. Menachem Begin, Israeli Prime Minister, starts official visit to Canada.
- Deputation of British Mining Equipment companies on visit to China at invitation of China Coal Society.
- Seventh National Conference of Sport and Recreation, Heathlands Hotel, Bournemouth.
- Licensed Victuallers launch "anti-violence" campaign, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London.
- Mr. Tom King, Conservative Party spokesman on energy, is
- guest speaker at Coal Industry Society lunch, Hyde Park Hotel, London.
- Pope John Paul II says Mass in Warsaw.
- Church of England General Synod, Church House, London.
- London Chamber of Commerce and Industry: meeting of London Affairs Committee, 60, Cannon Street, E.C.4, 3 p.m.
- Sir Peter Vanneck, Lord Mayor of London, attends London Transport reception, London Transport House, 35, Broadway, S.W.1.
- Last day for posting seasonal Christmas cards and letters for the U.S. and West Indies, and also for Canada (no delivery guarantee because of strike backlog).



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COMPANY NEWS

Lake View Investment improves to £0.74m at interim stage

From total income of £1.36m compared with £1.24m attributable profit of Lake View Investment Trust came out ahead from September 30, 1978, half year.

The profit is after expenses and interest lower at £203,723 (£218,306) and tax of £413,192 (£398,810). Preference dividends took £9,300 (same).

The interim dividend is stepped up from 0.75p to 1p but Mr. C. Alan McIntosh, the chairman, says the total for the year is unlikely to be increased by as great a percentage. The interim will cost £446,805 (£392,940). Last year a 1.05p final was paid on attributable profits of £1.19m.

Mr. McIntosh says the trust has further increased its investments in the Far East, with the principal emphasis on Japan. The initial dividend yields available are minimal, but directors hope to maintain the trust's record of income growth.

At September 30 investments at valuation were £55.13m (£56.34m at March 31, 1978) and the net asset value is shown at £5.6p (£5.5p), including 14.5p (£12.9p) of investment currency premium. Japan now accounts for 12.1 per cent (8 per cent) of total investment with the UK down to 64.7 per cent (67.8 per cent) and the U.S. 19.9 per cent (20.7 per cent).

Helical Bar confident of recovery

Mr. J. D. Spooner, the chairman of Helical Bar, says that the results for the past year are disappointing, but the directors are confident that the steps that have been and are being taken will be ultimately rewarding.

As reported on October 21 pre-tax profits for the April 29, 1978, year fell sharply from £114,831 to £35,226 on turnover of £6.14m against £5.58m. The dividend is passed for the period compared with 2p last time.

The concern of the directors, he says, remains to see that the company's assets are utilised as profitably as possible; the majority are tied up in the reinforcement business earning an inadequate return.

As a first step in reducing these

BOARD MEETINGS

The following companies have notified dates of Board meetings to the Stock Exchange. Such meetings are usually held for the purpose of considering dividends. Official indications are not available as to whether dividends are interim or final and the sub-divisions shown below are based mainly on last year's results.

TODAY

Interim—Aberdeen Investment, Feedco, H. C. Silman.

Final—Brazil Fund SA, British Car Auction, GT Asia (Sterling) Fund, Lucas Industries, Road Mines Properties, Yarrow.

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assets, the directors have closed the group's Chalcott Works, in South London, the full advantage of which, he says, will not be felt until next year. But, he is hopeful the reinforcement business will return to a modest level of profitability in the current year.

The future of Queenborough Steel Company looks promising in the current year and Mr. Spooner expects it to make further progress. Helical (Steel Stock) is moving forward similarly in the domestic market, although its overseas trade may take longer to develop.

Saudi Steel Reinforcements is "on the launching pad" and profits can be reasonably expected to start in 1979; the chairman says if this company shows the return that is anticipated, and Queenborough and Helical (Steel Stock) continue to make progress, he would hope that shareholders could expect to receive a return on their investment in 1979.

Good start so far for Adwest

Mr. F. V. Waller, chairman of Adwest Group, said at the AGM that it was estimated that profit for the first three months, excluding Burman and Bowden France, was in excess of that for the corresponding period last year.

FT Share Service

The following securities have been added to the Share Information Service appearing in the Financial Times:

Champion International Corp. (Section: Overseas—New York).
Cluff Oil Convertible "A" (Section: Oils).
Investment Company (Section: Trusts—Finance, Land).
Laird Properties (Section: Property).
Marlborough Property (Section: Property).
Smith International, Inc. (Section: Overseas—New York).



Sir Arthur Norman, chairman of the De La Rue Company, photographed at the Basingstoke H.Q. of Thomas De La Rue, the company's Banknote Division. Sir Arthur is seen studying part of the lasergraphic technique which is a system for controlling geometric pattern to give pictorial effects. The whole pattern is a single line whose path is controlled by computer. This cannot be achieved by traditional methods and is a valuable innovation in the field of printed currency. De La Rue produce bank notes for over 70 countries. Results to be announced Tuesday 7th November.

Royal London redesigns personal pension plan

Royal London Mutual Insurance Society has completely redesigned its pension contract for the self-employed and other persons in non-pensionable employment. The company has come into line with the modern trend in designing its Royal London Personal Pension Plan and it is based on the cash accumulation system rather than the previous deferred annuity principle.

Under this system, the contributions received are allocated to a notional personal fund, which is tax exempt, to which interest is added from time to time. The company makes bonus declarations once every three years, with annual interim declarations in between. The amount of interest added would depend on the investment performance of the fund and would be stated as part of the bonus declaration.

The plan provides a wide range of options at retirement, including a choice of methods in the payment of the pension and cash sum benefits. The plan in its main form is a regular contribution scheme, to which the investor can make additional contributions subject to a minimum payment, to secure additional benefits. But there is a single premium version available. The return on death before retirement is a refund of premiums with interest at 4 per cent per annum compound. There is the option to take out additional term assurance.

Royal London is a home service company operating almost entirely through agents calling at clients' homes. The company, up to now has not found an active demand for its self-employed pension plan from its policyholders, unlike other home service life companies like the Prudential and the Pearl. But it has already achieved a considerable success in the short period in which this scheme has been available.

W. Tyzack Turner recovers to £157,075—pays 2.875p

Following a slump from £226,906 to £30,056 in the previous year, the profits of W. Tyzack & Sons and Turner recovered to £157,075 for the July 29 1978 year on turnover ahead from £134m to £157m. At the interim stage the directors reported profits up from £20,010 to £81,061 and said that the remainder of the year should be viewed with a degree of optimism. They now say they consider the full year's results to be encouraging.

Earnings are shown as well up at 6.5p (£1.51) per 25p share and the dividend is lifted to 2.875p (£0.71875) net with a final payment of 1.625p.

Pre-tax figure was struck after interest of £57,767 (£72,925) and previous years' expenses £3,287 (£28,556) and was subject to a tax charge of £39,975 compared with a £2,442 credit.

There was an extraordinary credit of £18,014 for the period reflecting the profit on the sale of the Mountford premises, after expenses and providing for tax. Tyzack manufactures agricultural machine parts, light engineering products, machine knives and hand and garden tools.

Walker & Staff steady at midway

Sales of Walker & Staff Holdings amounted to £1.26m against £1.00m, in the half year to September 30, 1978, and pre-tax profits were slightly higher at £25,587 compared with £17,947 in the same period last year.

Home sales for the next six months are anticipated to be at least maintained but it is expected that pressure on production will continue, the directors say.

A dividend of at least last year's 0.745p is also expected to be paid and an increased payment will be made if legislation permits.

The first half profit is struck after depreciation of £25,465 (£25,337). After tax of £29,461 (£27,986) earnings per 5p share are again given as 1.7p.

Principal activities of the group are as stockist and distributor of engineering supplies.

Changes at Britannia Arrow

MAJOR management changes are imminent at Britannia Arrow (Holdings) (formerly Slater Walker Securities), Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, the chairman, said yesterday.

Mr. Rippon, who succeeded Sir James Goldsmith last year, said he could not give any details at the moment but that an announcement would be made after a Board meeting next Thursday.

Fundinvest advances to £360,187

After all charges including tax of £199,254 compared with £188,324 last time, revenue of Fundinvest rose from £228,071 to £260,187 in the September 30, 1978, year.

A final dividend of 1.647p net per 25p share takes the total from 2.401p to 2.69p. Net asset value per share is stated at 116p (£0.21p).

Berry Trust well ahead

For the August 31, 1978, year pre-tax profit of Berry Trust Company rose from £248,431 to £334,712 after management expenses and interest of £333,938 against £312,821 previously.

After tax of £144,509 (£110,186) net profit came out at £189,903 against £138,263. Earnings per 25p share are shown at 1.26p (£0.31p) diluted and 1.25p (£0.31p) undiluted. The dividend is up

BLAKE BUYS REST OF BRAMBER

Stephenson Blake has acquired the remaining 60 per cent of Bramber Engineering Company for £700,000 cash. Bramber produced pre-tax profits of £118,000 in 1977.

The enlarged group will have a turnover approaching £13m, directors say, and assets in excess of £5m. Bramber is one of the UK's largest suspension spring manufacturers.

COWAN DE GROOT BUYS KAUFMANN

Cowan de Groot has exchanged contracts to purchase Ronald Kaufmann, and its associate Household Faucets for a total consideration of £300,000, to be settled by £224,500 in cash and £75,500 in ordinary shares.

Ronald Kaufmann, importer and distributor of basket ware and gift ware, made a profit before tax for 1977 of £28,000 and had net assets of £270,000.

It will complement Cowan de Groot's 1978 and software division.

SHARE STAKES

William Pickles and Company, Mr. W. R. Pickles, a director, has advised that a trust in which he has an interest has recently acquired 1,120,000 ordinary shares. Fred Hughes, former Kuwait Investment Office, has acquired a further 25,000 shares making a total interest of 2,400,000 (5.38 per cent).

Second City Properties: Control Securities has purchased a further 10,000 shares and now holds a total of 640,000 shares (5.17 per cent).

SIMCO MONEY FUNDS

Simon Investment Management Co. Ltd. 65 CANNON STREET, LONDON EC4A 3DF. Telephone: 01-236 8425.

Rates paid for W/E 5.11.78

	Call	7 day
Mon.	9.613	9.165
Tues.	9.695	9.191
Wed.	9.704	9.484
Thurs.	9.525	9.444
Fri./Sun.	8.825	9.386

Scottish Utd. Investors higher so far

For the nine months to September 30, 1978, gross revenue of

Scottish United Investors advanced from £2,923,389 to £3,275,36 and after management expense debenture and loan interest an tax, net revenue was £1,334,24 compared with £1,157,348 in time.

Net asset value per 25p share stated at 107p (86p) after deducting prior charges at par. A dividend of 0.55p (0.55p) has already been paid in the time. A total of 1.6p was paid in the

OIL AND GAS NEWS

Another Pembina find by Chevron

Yet another successful well has been discovered in the West Pembina area of Alberta, north-west of Edmonton. The latest find has been made by Chevron Standard and Norcen Energy Resources.

Their Chevron-Norcen PL 5-6-48-12-W3M well has flowed high gravity crude oil at rates up to 4,500 barrels of oil per day during production tests from the Nisku formation.

Ownership of the well is Chevron with 50 per cent and subsidiaries of Norcen Energy Resources 50 per cent, which includes Prairie Oil Royalties, with a 3 per cent interest.

Chevron made the original Pembina discovery early in 1977 and about 30 discoveries of oil and gas finds have been made since then.

Oman's natural gas deposits are estimated to contain 5 trillion (million, million) cubic metres, according to Sir Ahmad Al-Shanfari, Oman Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Petroleum and Minerals.

The Minister was quoted on Oman Radio as saying that most of the gas reservoirs are in Fahud and Tibal, in the southern region of the Sultanate. Natural gas is liquefied and re-injected into oil pipelines which improves the quality and quantity of exported crude.

The Minister, who gave no figure of the quantity of the gas injected daily in the pipelines, said the national company has been formed for marketing part of the liquefied gas locally.

Meanwhile, Elf-Aquitaine has discovered traces of oil at a drilling site at Sabah in the Butabul area of the Sultanate. The traces, 4,000 feet, Anoco Canada are now being analysed and earn from 25 per cent to 50 per cent interests under an agreement.

Elf-Aquitaine has a 48 per cent agreement by drilling 72 well

interest in the drilling at Sabah in association with Samit Petroleum Development with a 50 per cent and Wintershall AG with 30 per cent.

Mexico is to commence the commercial exploitation of its offshore oil fields in Campeche immediately, according to Pemex, the State oil company.

Work has already started on first production platform and May 10 next year Pemex plan to have 10 production wells in the south southwest of the Gulf of Mexico.

In addition, two large platform will house plants to separate gas from the crude oil, which will be pumped ashore through a 160 inch pipeline.

Esso Exploration and Production Australia and Hensar Petroleum report that the Forcus 2 well, located in Vic/LA shore the Gippsland Basin, is 3,800 metres deep.

The drilling vessel Ocean Driller arrived in Gippsland waters, October 29 and the well is expected to produce 2,000 metres of water. Target depth 2,600 metres.

The provincially-controlled Alberta Energy Company 1 made farm-out agreements drilling 172 exploration wells in the Primrose Lake air wedge in Alberta, an area covered by the following day's agreement cover about 100,000 acres.

The agreements cover about 100,000 acres of the area near Lac Lake. In one agreement Elf-Aquitaine has a 50 per cent interest in the area.

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By: The Chase Manhattan Bank N.A., London Agent Bank

LOCAL AUTHORITY BOND TABLE									
Authority	Annual gross interest	Interest payable	Minimum sum	Life of bond					
(telephone number in parentheses)	(percentage)	(percentage)	(£)	(years)	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
Barnsley Metro. (0226 303232)	11 1/2	1-year	250	5-7					
Bradford (0274 295771)	11 1/2	1-year	500	5-7					
Chorley (02572 5611)	11 1/2	1-year	1,000	5-7					
Exeter (0392 77855)	12	1-year	300	6-7					
Knowsley (051 548 6553)	12	1-year	1,000	6-10					
Manchester (061 236 3573)	10	1-year	500	2					
North Kesteven (0529 303341)	11 1/2	1-year	1,000	5-7					
Poole (02013 3151)	10 1/2	1-year	300	2					
Redbridge (01-478 3020)	11 1/2	1-year	200	5-7					
Salisbury (0722 24265)	11 1/2	1-year	100	5-7					
Sandwell (021 569 2236)	11 1/2	1-year	500	6-7					
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Sutton (081 922 4040)	11 1/2	1-year	2,000	4-7					
Southend (0702 49451)	10 1/2	1-year	250	3					
Wrexham (0932 565051)	11 1/2	yearly	1,000	5-10					

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Terms (years)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12
Interest %	12	12 1/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	13	13 1/4	13 1/2	13 3/4	14

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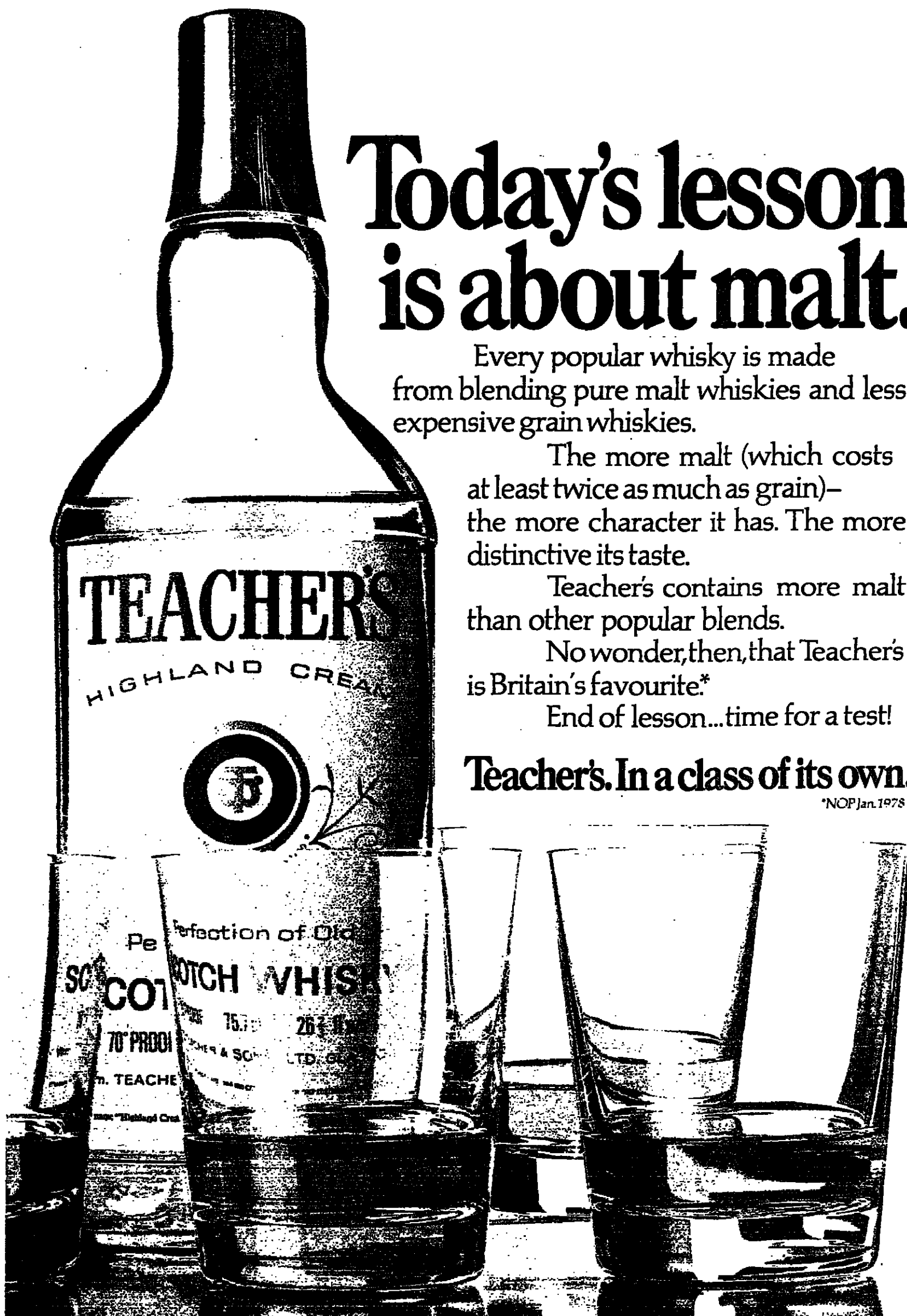
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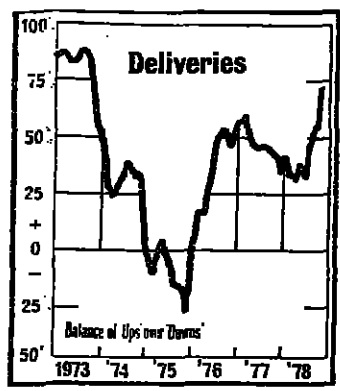
GENERAL OUTLOOK

Recovery lifts confidence

THE RECOVERY is spreading to more sectors of industry and this is helping to sustain the recent improvement in business confidence. This was particularly noticeable last month in mechanical engineering and in shipping and transport, where there was a feeling that the shipping market may have bottomed out.

Attitudes vary, however, reflecting among other factors concern about the prospect for profit margins either as a result of competitive pressure or because of government price controls.

In chemicals and oils, the month, companies were inclined to be less optimistic than when the sector surveyed last



the sector was last surveyed in June.

Attitudes towards the general economic situation are divided, with the optimists broadly balancing the pessimists. The main areas of concern are wages policy, labour relations, and uncertainty over the timing and outcome of a General Election.

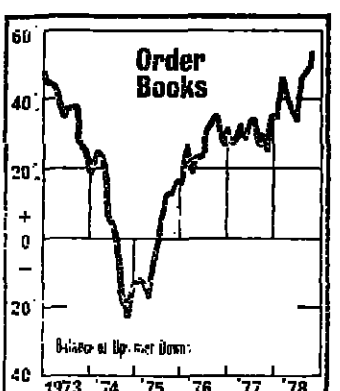
Both engineering and the chemicals/oils sector are less inclined to expect their exports to increase than they were in June, while shipping/transport have become more hopeful on the score of overseas earnings. As a result, the index for exports has lost some ground.

ORDERS AND OUTPUT

The pace quickens

ALL THREE sectors surveyed last month — mechanical engineering, chemicals and oils, and shipping and transport — were more inclined than in June to report higher levels of orders and deliveries. The all-industry balance of "ups" over "downs" for these two factors and the index for forward purchases of materials and supplies are all now at their highest level since the opening months of 1974.

For deliveries, the last time this level was reached on a rising trend was in the autumn of 1972. It should however be



noted that the question refers to deliveries as compared with the same period in the preceding year and for many firms 1977 was extremely poor.

Experiences vary from firm to firm, reflecting to a large extent the differing fortunes of customer industries and markets. This is especially noticeable among engineering and chemicals companies. In both sectors, too, some firms reported good exports while others complained of low world demand.

The improvement reported in shipping and transport was similarly patchy.

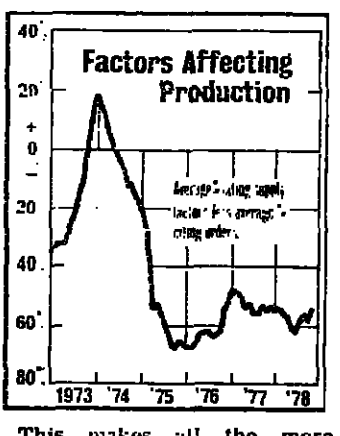
CAPACITY AND STOCKS

Skilled labour is the problem

INDUSTRY IS becoming busier but it still has a fair amount of capacity to spare. This is evident from the replies about capacity utilisation, and also from those detailing the factors which are currently governing output rates.

There has been little change in the percentage of firms working at planned output levels. Over one firm in four still says it is operating below planned levels, while only one in six are above these levels.

Similarly, production schedules are still largely determined by demand rather than supply constraints.



plaints of a shortage of skilled factory staff. These are more widespread than ever before at this stage of the recovery cycle. This was particularly marked in engineering where every firm interviewed last month cited this factor.

Among the skills said to be hard to recruit are engineers, craftsmen, draughtsmen, technical sales staff, fitters and engineers for plant erection and maintenance, welders and tool-setters.

After skilled factory staff, the next most widely cited supply constraint was labour disputes. There is little change in the trend of stocks.

CAPACITY WORKING

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Above target capacity	16	18	15	14	—	—	—
Planned output	55	55	57	56	40	51	64
Below target capacity	28	27	27	29	44	49	29
No answer	1	—	1	1	16	—	7

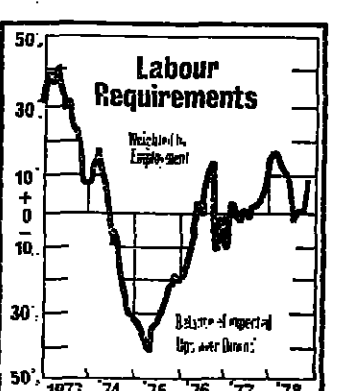
INVESTMENT AND LABOUR

Aiming for productivity

THE ENGINEERING and shipping/transport sectors were both more inclined to expect their labour force to grow in the next year than they were in June. The index for labour requirements has therefore edged up a notch but on a longer perspective the movement is not very significant.

A more interesting, though not surprising, aspect has been the gradual decline in the percentage of firms mentioning demand constraints and the growing percentage citing supply constraints among the factors governing manpower requirements.

The supply constraints tend to be not so much recruitment difficulties, though these are



widely cited, but such factors as plant to increase productivity, high wages or other labour costs in relation to profitability, and the potential cost of redundancy payments or other aspects of employment legislation.

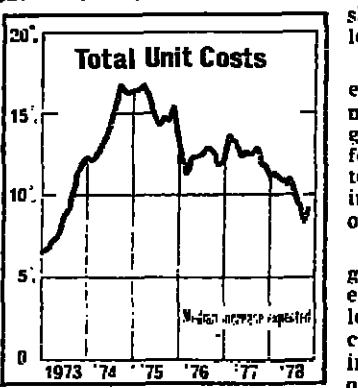
Companies in the chemical/oils and shipping/transport sectors were rather less inclined to expect to invest more last month than in June. But the effect on the all-industry index was relatively small and the general picture for capital expenditure is still encouraging. Liquidity levels in industry remain generally satisfactory, though these are

COSTS AND PROFIT MARGINS

Uncertainty about pay

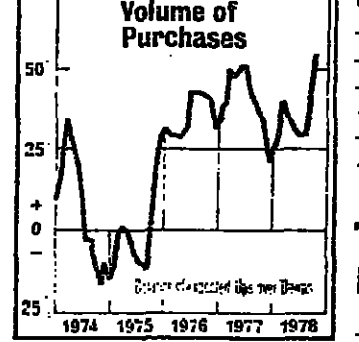
THE MEDIAN forecast increase for wages over the next 12 months has remained unchanged at around the 11-12 per cent mark. But the median forecast increases for total unit

costs are more marked. They are drawn from a sample based upon the FT-Actuaries' Index, which accounts for about 60 per cent of all public companies. The all-industry figures are



Of the three sectors, engineering was most adamant about not conceding wage increases greater than had been budgeted for, while chemicals/oils tended to the view that they would be influenced by the actions of other firms in their industries.

The outlook for profit margins and earnings on capital employed has become a little less favourable, principally because of a decline in optimism in engineering and chemicals/oils.



costs and for prices have both edged up to around the 9-10 per cent level. In the past these indices have proved to be good lead indicators of turning points. But the upturn is of too short a duration yet to indicate a trend.

These surveys, which are carried out for the Financial Times by the Taylor Nelson Group, are based upon extensive interviews with top executives.

Three sectors and some 30 companies are covered in turn

four-monthly moving totals covering some 120 companies in 11 industrial sectors (mechanical engineering is surveyed every second month). Complete tables can be purchased from Taylor Nelson and Associates.

GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Are you more or less optimistic about your company's prospects than you were four months ago?							
More optimistic	42	47	45	44	60	14	7
Neutral	46	39	44	43	40	57	93
Less optimistic	9	11	8	10	—	29	—
No answer	3	3	3	3	—	—	—

EXPORT PROSPECTS (Weighted by exports)

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Over the next 12 months exports will be:							
Higher	72	79	73	72	79	69	100
Same	20	15	14	14	21	22	—
Lower	6	6	13	14	—	—	—
Don't know	2	—	—	—	—	9	—

NEW ORDERS

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
The trend of new orders in the last 4 months was:							
Up	65	52	49	41	96	85	64
Same	21	27	30	28	—	—	29
Down	4	8	9	13	4	—	—
No answer	10	13	12	18	—	14	7

PRODUCTION/SALES TURNOVER

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Those expecting production/sales turnover in the next 12 months to:							
Rise over 20%	7	5	2	1	14	—	—
Rise 15-19%	5	5	5	5	—	—	—
Rise 10-14%	15	17	12	16	28	14	—
Rise 5-9%	25	24	32	29	20	22	32
About the same	35	40	39	43	20	50	3
Fall 5-9%	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
No comment	13	9	9	5	32	—	65

STOCKS

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Raw materials and components over the next 12 months will:							
Increase	36	37	36	35	76	36	—
Stay about the same	48	46	40	37	23	36	—
Decrease	7	9	10	13	4	—	—
No comments	10	8	10	7	—	14	—
Manufactured goods over the next 12 months will:							
Increase	37	42	40	36	—	28	—
Stay about the same	37	39	38	40	36	34	61
Decrease	4	3	4	2	4	7	—
No comments	22	16	18	22	60	29	39

FACTORS CURRENTLY AFFECTING PRODUCTION

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Home orders	81	82	82	83	92	86	90
Export orders	60	61	59	65	56	72	90
Executive staff	18	16	20	28	40	22	7
Skilled factory staff	49	43	40	44	100	72	65
Manual Labour	8	6	10	12	16	8	7
Components	7	6	5	5	24	1	—
Raw materials	8	8	7	7	16	1	—
Production capacity (plant)	10	10	10	11	12	1	—
Finance	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Others	14	12	12	12	—	15	3
Labour disputes	27	24	26	22	16	29	—
No answer/no factor	1	1	1	1	—	—	—

LABOUR REQUIREMENTS (Weighted by employment)

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Those expecting their labour force over the next 12 months to:							
Increase	27	21	19	16	56	3	23
Stay about the same	55	59	63	67	44	47	77
Decrease	18	20	18	17	—	50	—

CAPITAL INVESTMENT (Weighted by capital expenditure)

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Those expecting capital expenditure over the next 12 months to:							
Increase in volume	56	60	63	62	38	87	34
Increase in value but not in volume	8	11	9	9	21	5	—
Stay about the same	15	14	12	10	30	1	—
Decrease	18	12	13	16	4	7	66
No comment	3	3	3	3	7	—	—

COSTS

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Wages rise by:							
5-9%	21	21	20	15	4	42	—
10-14%	64	66	69	72	72	57	32
15-19%	3	3	2	5	8	—	—
No answer	12	10	9	8	16	1	68
Unit cost rise by:							
0-4%	4	8	8	8	8	—	—
5-9%	34	38	40	40	28	50	3
10-14%	34	31	33	39	32	35	61
15-19%	1	1	1	2	—	1	—
20-24%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
No answer	25	20	17	11	32	14	36

PROFIT MARGINS

4 monthly moving total				October 1978			
July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng's (non-elect.)	Chem's.	Shipping	
Those expecting profit margins over the next 12 months to:							
Improve	32	37	45	39	16	31	32
Remain the same	35	31	27	27	44	21	32
Contract	26	26	21	27	8	34	—
No comment	7	6	7	7	32	14	36

APPOINTMENTS

Senior changes at Orion Bank

Mr. A. J. Wright has retired as a managing director of ORION BANK but remains in an advisory capacity. Mr. W. P. Stokes of National Westminster Bank has joined Orion Bank as an executive director. He replaces Mr. D. W. Valle, who has been seconded to the VAN LANSCHOT as senior representative National Westminster Bank in the Netherlands. Mr. A. W. Brindley has been appointed executive director of Orion Bank in charge of the treasury and foreign exchange department. Mr. S. G. A. Scammell has joined Orion as an associate director.

The following changes have been made on the Board of COMAG, the joint magazine distribution company of Condé Nast and National Magazine Distributors. Mr. A. R. Boddy becomes a deputy chairman of COMAG and Mr. Phil Harris joins that Board as managing director. Mr. John Nicholas has been appointed director of COMAG. Mr. Boddy and Mr. Harris are now members of the executive committee of the Board. They were, respectively, managing director and deputy managing director of COMAG. Mr. Nicholas was client director, services. Mr. Roy Britton continues as deputy managing director with special responsibility for client relations. Chairman of COMAG is Mr. Marcus Morris, and the deputy chairman, who will now be joined by Mr. Boddy, is Mr. Bernard Lester, managing director of Condé Nast.

Mr. Charles Cope, who is the London Underground's 45th year as a signal box boy, has become its operations director (railways). He is replacing Graeme Bruce at LON TRANSPORT. Mr. Bruce is retiring.

Mr. Brian Jordan has been appointed managing director of FAIRWEATHER AND CO, division of the Wood Hall Group, in succession to Mr. John Birt, who has left the company.

Mr. Eric Griffith-Jones, a man, Commonwealth Development Corporation, and chairman, Guthrie Corporation, has been appointed president of LIVERPOOL MEDICAL SCHOOL. He is replacing the late Lord Lloyd of Wirral.

Mr. Laurence Scott and Mr. TROMOTORS as financial adviser. He remains company secretary LSE and its parent company Laurence Scott.

Mr. Brendan Morrison has been appointed assistant director (external relations) by the MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

WEEK'S FINANCIAL DIARY

The following is a record of the principal business and financial engagements during the week. The Board meetings are for the purpose of considering dividends and official indications, not always available whether dividends concerned are interim funds. The sub-divisions shown below are based mainly on year's timetable.

TODAY		TOMORROW	
Company Meetings	Cardiff Albert Road, 8.00am. Bishopsgate, EC 12	Company Meetings	Berran Court, Tulse Hill House, London Rd. Sevenoaks, Kent, 12.00
Dividend & Interest Payments	12.00am. Includes supplementary distribution of 0.0300 p/s (1977)	Dividend & Interest Payments	12.00am. Includes supplementary distribution of 0.0300 p/s (1977)
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Councils await rates support

BY MICHAEL BLANDEN

THE Local Authority Association has met Mr. Peter Shore, Environment Secretary, at the Consultative Council on Local Government Finance for the last time before the announcement of the 1979-80 Rate Support Grant Settlement on November 24.

The discussion, though perhaps not the argument, is now over. It is understood that Mr. Shore has also completed his discussions with Cabinet colleagues about the size and distribution formula for rate support grant next year and that the figures have already been fed into Department computers.

A number of broad hints about how the government will distribute the grant next year have been given to the three local authority associations.

Mr. Shore said at the consultative council meeting on Friday that local government expenditure projections for 1979-80 were being lined up with the projections in the Expenditure White Paper.

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23	18.9	1.84		11.9		
19	26.8	3		9.2	25.4	
20	26.8	3		9.2	25.4	
62	18	10	0.84	41	21.6	
130	12	3.51		40	94	
76	14	40.29		14	44.3	
27	18	1.5				
887	4	0.51		6.6		
45	24.7	1.63		1.62	7.3	
11	674					
41	160	1.12		4.4	31	
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MINES—Continued							
AUSTRALIAN							
Dividends Paid	Stock	Prior	Rec'd	On Sale	1934	1935	1936
August	10						
Nov. - Apr.	122				1.40	1.10	
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	376						
Oct. - Mar.	230				2.25	2.00	
	20						
	63						
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September	120				2.40	2.00	
	171						
Dec. - Apr.	110				2.50	2.00	
	31						
	31						
June - Nov.	107				4.00	3.50	
	14						
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June - Nov.	125				1.90	1.10	
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Apr. - Oct.	473				1.90	1.40	
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Oct. - May	137				0.75	1.40	

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-	-	Durma Mines Corp	100	100	100	100	100
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NOVEMBER	JUNE	Northern Co.	100	100	100	100	100
-	-	Sabana Ltd.	100	100	100	100	100
-	-	Tan. & Sons	100	100	100	100	100
NOR.	JULY	White Mt. Mfg.	100	100	100	100	100
OCTOBER	-	Wolfsberg	100	100	100	100	100

GOLDS EX-EX PREMIUM							
London quotations for selected South African gold mining shares in U.S. currency excluding New York stamp duty premium. These prices are available only to non-U.S. investors.							

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and, where possible, are updated on half-years (H1 and H2). If the company has a new distribution, but there is no new dividend, the indicator is 100 per cent, as more difference is calculated on "all distributions". Covers are based on "maximum distribution" (maximum dividend plus maximum distribution, adjusted to allow 33 per cent and allow for value of declared distributions and rights). Securities with denominations other than sterling are quoted in sterling of the investment fund premium.

Δ Sterling-denominated securities which include investment debt premium.

○ Floating rate securities.

△ Rights and Loans marked thus have been adjusted to allow for the difference between the actual and the theoretical value.

△ Interest since increased or resumed.

△ Interest since reduced, passed or deferred.

△ Tax-free to non-taxpayers on application.

△ Figures of report annual, on application.

△ Unit-linked security.

△ Premium on suspension.

△ Indicated dividend after pending coupon and on this issue.

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- cover ratio to previous dividends or forecasts
- Merger and/or reorganisation in progress?
- Not comparable
- Same interim: reduced final and/or reduced earnings information
- First dividend; cover on earnings updated by latest interim statement.
- First dividend; no conversion of share price, leading for dividends or ranking only for redempted dividend
- Cover does not allow for shares which may also exist for dividend at future date, as it is usually pending
- Excluding a final dividend declaration
- Regional price
- No change
- a Tax free if Features based on prospective or other related estimate
- b Central Dividend rate paid or payable on next dividend
- c Redemption yield = Dividend yield + assumed dividend yield - assumed dividend yield after being taxed
- d The difference between the current dividend yield and previous total, i.e. Rights plus pending a bonus

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The following is a selection of London quotations of shares previously listed only in regional markets. Prices of Irish issues, most of which are not officially listed in London, are as quoted on the Irish exchange.

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Albany Int. Cup	26	Sack Herdcom	66
Ash Spinnings	49	Saddl. Wm.	112
Barnum	16		
Bdg'w Int. Cup	325		
Clovercroft	26		
Conrad & Rose	1	IRISH	
Dillon R.	37	Am. Gr. Gas.	290
Ellis & McHrie	67	Arms	58
Excess	27	Arms	58
Flax Power	52	Carroll's	117
Finlay Pace Sp.	140	Clondaloe	22
Grain Sp. Int.	140	Concordia Pref.	95
Harris	7	Concordia	1
I.O.M. Str. Int.	178	Concordia	1
Hoops Int. Cup	232	Concordia	1
K'nin Green Cup	150	Concordia	1
Mellor C. R.	21	Concordia	1
Peel Mills	49	Concordia	1
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Beecham	1	Loans	17
Bone Dry	15	Les Service	2
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More companies worried about profit margins

THE RECOVERY is spreading to more sectors of industry. But the upturn remains patchy, and more companies are becoming worried about profit margins being squeezed, according to the latest Financial Times monthly survey of business opinion.

All three sectors covered last month—mechanical engineering, chemicals and oils, and shipping and transport—reported a higher level of orders and output. In shipping there was a feeling that the market may have bottomed out.

EARNINGS ON CAPITAL

Those expecting earnings during the current year to:	4 monthly moving total				October 1978	
	July-Oct.	June-Sept.	May-Aug.	Apr.-July	Eng. (non-elect.)	Chem. Shipping
Improve	55	60	63	55	24	43
Remain the same	16	15	12	20	16	15
Contract	23	23	22	23	28	29
No comment	6	2	3	2	32	14

CBI urges Government to think again on pay

BY JOHN ELLIOTT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE GOVERNMENT has been urged by the Confederation of British Industry to consider abandoning the joint statement on pay and price policy it is now negotiating with the TUC.

This is because leading industrialists fear that a detailed reassessment of the policy might encourage pay deals of 10 per cent or more. It could also lead to a major row over price restraint.

In addition, representatives of small companies in the CBI, which traditionally are among the most outspoken critics of incomes policies, are arguing that they should not be held down when large companies like Ford Motor are offering to pay high increases.

Mr. Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has also been warned by Sir John Methven, the confederation's director general, that any attempt to implement the TUC's plans for price controls would lead to a bigger political row than that staged earlier this year over the use of Government contract clauses to bolster pay restraint.

There could even be a threat that the CBI would pull out of joint Government-industry bodies like the National

Economic Development Council, the National Enterprise Board, and the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Sir John said yesterday that new price controls would be "economic madness" in the present poor state of company profitability.

These varying strands of thinking on the future of the Government's troubled pay policy will emerge in Brighton today and tomorrow at the CBI's second annual national conference, which is being attended by some 1,200 leading industrialists, senior managers, and small businessmen.

Although the conference has no formal policy-making role, Sir John said last night that he and his colleagues would ignore its views "at our peril".

The tensions that have built up over pay will be concentrated on a pay debate tomorrow morning, although they will probably also emerge today during other debates on taxation, productivity, employee participation, and state intervention.

The conference finishes tomorrow lunchtime. In the evening the CBI leaders will hold further talks with the Chancellor.

Yesterday, Sir John stressed

that all that the CBI wanted from the talks was something to encourage unions to bargain "responsibly". But he was concerned that "the price to be paid to the TUC for the document might not be worth it."

The CBI has, therefore, urged the Chancellor at recent meetings "not to trade" with the TUC because it fears "responsible bargaining may not be achieved."

It fears that pay deals of over 10 per cent would quickly emerge if the Government shifted the emphasis in its document from the present 5 per cent pay norm to a 7.5 per cent inflation target. This would quickly be misinterpreted in negotiations as a 7.5 per cent pay norm, on top of which there could be extras for productivity.

With the CBI's pay data bank showing that 500,000 people have now settled for about 5 per cent, leading industrialists believe that this figure should remain the broad target, even though the data bank has reports of claims of more than 20 per cent covering over 2m people.

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GDP will continue to grow says Treasury forecast

BY PETER RIDDELL, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

NEW TREASURY forecasts indicate a continuing growth of output over the next 12 months, though at a slightly slower rate than in 1978.

The forecasts, completed at the end of last month, are believed to point to a slackening of the consumer boom next year, but with a faster growth in exports, there will be only a slight overall reduction in the Gross Domestic Product growth rate from the 3 to 3.4 per cent increase of the past 12 months.

These projections are believed to be broadly in line with those published by the Confederation of British Industry and by the London Business School at the beginning of last week. They will play an important part in the decision on the new target for the growth of the money supply which Mr. Denis Healey, the Chancellor, has to announce within the next fortnight.

Mr. Healey has only just started to discuss these forecasts with his officials. Although he has an opportunity to outline his

plans during the Queen's Speech debate on Thursday, an announcement about the new target may be delayed until around the middle of the month when new figures for the growth of the money supply up to mid-October will be available.

It has not yet been decided whether the new target will be presented as just a technical adjustment or will appear as part of a major economic statement linked to the counter-inflation strategy. This may depend on the outcome of the talks between the Government and the TUC on pay policy.

Similarly, it is not clear whether the new Treasury forecasts will be published at the same time, or separately. However, it is likely that they will be based on the assumption of the successful implementation of the present pay policy, though with a warning that the outcome could be less satisfactory if the increase in earnings in 1978 to 1979 is higher than 7 per cent. The City will be watching very closely the statement about

monetary targets to see whether Mr. Healey retains or modifies the present range of 8 to 12 per cent for the growth of sterling, and the broadly-defined money supply including cash and bank deposits and seven-day deposit accounts.

In his April Budget, Mr. Healey announced a new rolling system of targets which are reviewed every six months to allow the regular re-assessment of "progress on the monetary front in relation to developments in the rest of the economy."

He had said that "if events have moved as I would have hoped on counter-inflation policy, it would be appropriate to consider in the autumn whether to reduce the target."

It is an open question whether developments in pay policy have moved in this way, though there will be pressure from some officials for a reduction in the upper end of the target to highlight the Government's determination to reduce the rate of inflation.

MLR may go up Page 33

Call for inquiry into MP's disclosures

BY RICHARD EVANS, LOBBY EDITOR

THE PRIME MINISTER has been asked to order an inquiry into how Labour MP had possession of a confidential Treasury document outlining the possible effects for Britain of membership of the proposed European monetary system.

Disclosure of the contents of the document by Mr. Brian Sedgmore, Left-wing MP for Luton West, at a meeting of the Commons Expenditure Committee last Friday, has clearly embarrassed both the Treasury and Mr. Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

It was claimed yesterday that the document, meant for circulation only among a group of Cabinet members discussing the monetary system, was a Treasury paper of working assumption, and did not represent the personal views of the Chancellor. The document states that it would be harmful for Britain to join under present terms.

An added embarrassment for the Government is that Mr. Sedgmore is Parliamentary private secretary and confidant of Mr. Anthony Wedgwood

Benn, Energy Secretary, and the most outspoken Cabinet critic of British membership of the system.

The demand for an inquiry came from Mr. Ian Stewart, Conservative MP for Hitchin, who is also a member of the sub-committee He asked Mr. Callaghan, in effect, if the case constituted a prima facie breach of the Official Secrets Act, and whether any member of the Government might have been involved.

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Reorganisation snags hold up reactor plans

BY DAVID FISLOCK, SCIENCE EDITOR

THERE IS growing concern in the Government and the electricity supply industry at the Department of Energy's failure to resolve management problems of the nuclear reactor industry.

The Department of Industry, the Cabinet Office "think-tank", and the National Enterprise Board show increasing alarm at damage by delay in reorganising the National Nuclear Corporation and its operating arm, the Nuclear Power Company.

The electricity supply industry has been ready for a month to place the design phase contract for an advanced gas-cooled reactor, but does not want to place it with a company it expects to be completely restructured.

The delay is generally attributed to the insistence of Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary for Energy, on a majority shareholding for the restructured company.

At present the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has a 35 per cent stake, GEC 30 per cent, and British Nuclear Associates, on behalf of seven private nuclear companies, 35 per cent.

There is wide agreement between the nuclear industry, the energy department and the electricity supply industry that the present two-tier company structure, implemented in 1974, with supervisory management by GEC, has been a failure.

Although two new nuclear stations, almost completed at the time of reorganisation, have been brought successfully into service, three more, Dungeness B, Hordlepool and Heysham A, are almost as far from completion as they were believed to be at the time of reorganisation.

A main intention of the earlier

reorganisation, coalescing of two former nuclear companies into a "single, strong company," has never taken place.

There is wide agreement today that the nuclear company structure should be "normalised," with a single board of management, no supervisory management, and full participation at board level of all shareholders.

Mr. Ronald Campbell, who left the board of the Nuclear Power Company last year as managing director, is now joint director of the new joint boiler company, is widely tipped as successor to Dr. Ned Franklin as chief executive of the reorganised company.

His board would be composed mainly of non-executive directors, including Mr. John King, chairman of Babcock and Wilcox, and the latest recruit to the board of the National Nuclear Corporation.

Definition

There is less widespread agreement as to whether Lord Aldington, chairman of the corporation, should have this role in a restructured company. He is deputy chairman of GEC, a company unpopular with both Mr. Benn and the electricity supply industry for the way it has exercised its supervisory management role.

One authoritative view is that Lord Aldington should remain as chairman only if he is willing to disassociate himself from GEC.

Also to be resolved is a clear definition of the role of the restructured company, in relation especially to the large engineering organisation of the Central Electricity Generating Board at Barnwood, Glos.

Cheap imports lead GKN to shut plant

BY ROY HODSON

CONTINENTAL and Far Eastern suppliers of stainless steel are undercutting British steel prices by an average of 20 per cent and capturing the bulk of the British market for nuts, bolts, screws and other industrial fasteners.

GKN, traditionally the major supplier of fastenings to British industry, says it can no longer compete with foreign stainless steel prices, and is closing its specialist stainless steel fastenings factory, the Mountford Works, at Smethwick, as soon as negotiations are completed with the unions.

Withdrawal by GKN from the market will leave just three smaller British makers of stainless fastenings. All of them are finding it increasingly difficult to compete with the low-priced fastenings being imported from such sources as West Germany and Taiwan.

GKN said the stainless fastenings business had "become unprofitable" for the group.

Mr. Matthew Eacey, managing director of Everbright Fasteners, and chairman of the Association of Stainless Steel Unions and B.A., said the 20 per cent price differential between foreign and British-made stainless steel fastenings is forcing his members to buy more abroad.

The stainless steel fasteners dealers, and members of the British Industrial Fasteners' Federation, want Viscount Eldon Davignon, the EEC Industry

Commissioner, to extend the scope of the European Community steel protection schemes to include products wholly made from steel such as nuts, bolts, and other fastenings.

British manufacturers of steel tubes have recently made a similar plea, contending that Eastern suppliers are evading the Davignon restrictions by turning steel previously sold as strip into tubes.

The wide variety of types of nuts and bolts still used in British engineering is another factor making it difficult for British fasteners manufacturers to compete with other world producers.

European companies are concentrating production on the standard metric thread. British companies are still having to manufacture and stock six different thread types—metric, Whitworth, BSF, UNC, UNF and B.S.

In the U.S. the fasteners market has virtually been taken over by Far East producers, now supplying 70 per cent of U.S. needs. Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Indonesia have all harvested slices of the U.S. market.

The British fasteners industry believes that producers in those nations will soon dominate the £400m a year British fasteners market as well. The view is that the industry is that the withdrawal of GKN from stainless fasteners production will accelerate the trend.

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Iran Prime Minister

their striking colleagues in Ahwaz Province, the main oilfield region. Latest strikes have rapidly emptied the capital's petrol stations.

Iran's parliamentary opposition leader, Mr. Mohsen Eshkezar, is known to have been acting as an intermediary between the oil industry strikers and the Government. But there is no word so far on the success of these efforts.

Oil production today in Ahwaz was only 1,500 barrels according to well-informed sources in Ahwaz, the region's capital, compared with a normal level of 5,600 barrels. Together with 220,000 barrels per day being produced by joint venture fields outside the Ahwaz area, its total production figure left only 1.37m barrels available for export.

In a message to his supporters in Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini called on oil workers to stay on strike and families of Iranian soldiers to put pressure on their relatives in the army to join the movement to oust the Shah. Among Western targets which were actively damaged today were the British Airways and Pan American offices. Banks, too, were singled out for attack.

Along with central Government Ministries.

After a day of fighting between troops and demonstrators around the university area yesterday, in which 11 people are believed to have been killed, today's troubles began in the huge bazaar area of southern Tehran. Gangs of young people, many of uncertain political allegiance, rampaged through the streets in all directions.

Buses, and even some army vehicles, were hijacked and used on fire. Their burnt-out hulks littered the streets sending huge clouds of black smoke into the sky. Panic-stricken officials were forced to throw their portraits of the Shah out on to the streets to act as fuel for the bonfires already set under way out of looted material.

Saudi Arabia will consult other OPEC members before taking any action to deal with any consequent oil shortages. Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister has told the weekly Middle East Economic Survey.

Sheikh Yamani said Saudi Arabia's production had been very low in the first nine months of this year, and could produce at a much higher rate and still keep within OPEC ceilings.

THE LEX COLUMN

U.S. challenge to bullion market

The U.S. authorities' decision to sell "at least" 14m ozs of gold per month from December onwards certainly punctured the gold price which had zoomed up to a new all time high of \$245 1/2 last Monday. By Friday evening in New York the price had fallen back to \$234.

When the U.S. authorities first announced the resumption of gold sales last April the gold price temporarily dropped below \$170 per oz. However, the market quickly realised that the 300,000 ozs on offer could easily be digested. This time round no one is so sure. The U.S. administration has given no hint as to what it means by "at least" 14m ozs per month. And as America has 3,500 tons of the stuff it could theoretically keep on selling 14m ozs per month until 1995.

Judging by the speed with which last week's package was thrown together it seems likely that either the U.S. authorities have not properly thought through their commitment to dump just under 50 tons of gold per month on to the world market, or they are bluffing. The decision to sell gold means that overnight America will become the second largest supplier of gold to the market. South Africa produces just over 700 tons a year, Russia sells between 300 and 400 tons a year, and America could supply at least 500 tons a year.

If America is really serious it means that the world supply of gold will have been increased by roughly a third to around 2,100 tons per annum. Last year industrial demand for gold amounted to 1,250 tons, another 170 tons went into official coins and the rest—175 tons—reflected speculative and hoarding demand. It is hard to know who will take up the extra gold.

In the short term, the U.S. authorities may have managed to defuse gold's speculative appeal but if the dollar came under a fresh bout of heavy pressure the decision to sell gold could dangerously backfire. Some central banks outside the Group of Ten might start aggressively bidding for gold at the monthly auction. That would be the time really to run for cover.

Classic company law

The proposed new Companies Act will make it a lot more difficult for company directors to plead ignorance of their duties, and may bring genuine relief to oppressed

minority shareholders. As such it is classic company law, probably more fundamental than anything that has been legislated in this field since the 1948 Companies Act.

It hardly seems possible that British company law could have survived so long without pro-

visions governing directors' duties. As the 1962 Jenkins report pointed out the present position is that in the main these duties are still determined "by extensive and complex case-law." It is significant that the codification Jenkins proposed all those years ago has been followed so closely in the new Bill.

The basic principle in clause 44 of the Bill is that a director shall "observe the utmost good faith towards the company" and that he "owes a duty to the company to act honestly in the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the duties of his office." But so complex has been the job of drafting the legislation that the Government is forced in clause 44 (6) to admit that there are limits to codification in this area. For example, the extent to which a director "owes a duty to the company to exercise such care and diligence as could reasonably be expected of a reasonably prudent person in circumstances of that description and to exercise such skill as may reasonably be expected of his knowledge and experience." The hoped-for benefit of bringing

this into statute law is that directors will be made aware that they have legal duties to their company.

Much-needed changes are proposed for the protection minority shareholders. In the present Section 210-1948 Companies Act any holder who feels oppressed has the right to apply to the Court for relief. But the section requires that the case would justify the making of a winding up order. In addition, the Court's interpretation of "oppression" has been so strict that it has been hard to say the least.

In 1959, for example, *Re H. R. Harmer*, the holder of the shares in a family business, continued to run the company as his own despite the fact that the majority of the shares had been passed to his three sons, though the father and his wife had voting control. *Re H. R. Harmer* was not a winding up order. *Re H. R. Harmer* was not a winding up order.

The new Companies Act seeks to replace Section 210 with a completely new clause under which a holder may petition if his company's affairs have been conducted in a way which is "unfairly prejudicial." The big question is whether the Court will decide that mismanagement falls within this new definition.

Earnings per share

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Weather

UK TODAY

MOSTLY dry, some sunshine. London, S. N. England, Anglia, Midlands, Edinburgh, Channel Islands, S. Wales.

Dry, sunny intervals, fog patches. Max. 14-15C (57-59F).

N. Wales, N.W. England, Lakes, Isle of Man, S.W. Scotland, Glasgow, N. Ireland, Aberdeen, Highlands, Argyll.

Dry, cloudy with sunny spells. Max. 14-15C (57-59F).

Moray Firth, N. Scotland, Scottish Islands.

Cloudy, some rain. Max. 13C (55F).

Outlook: Dry and warm. Cloudy with sunny spells and some overnight fog.

BUSINESS CENTRES

	Y'day Monday	Today Tuesday		Y'day Monday	Today Tuesday
Amsterd.	C 19	55	London	C 19	55
Algeria	C 16	59	Lyons	C 9	45
Bahia	C 16	59	Madrid	C 9	45
Bombay	C 16	59	Manila	C 9	45
Buenos Aires	C 16	59	Melbourne	C 9	45
Calcutta	C 16	59	Montreal	C 9	45
Canton	C 16	59	Moscow	F 7	43
Cebu	C 16	59	New York	C 4	39
Hankow	C 16	59	Osaka	C 12	49
Hong Kong	C 16	59	Paris	C 12	49
Kobe	C 16	59	Rome	C 12	49
London	C 16	59	Shanghai	C 12	49
Lyons	C 16	59	Singapore	C 12	49
Manila	C 16	59	Tokyo	C 12	49
Medan	C 16	59	Yokohama	C 12	49
Shanghai	C 16	59			
Singapore	C 16	59			
Tokyo	C 16	59			
Yokohama	C 16	59			

HOLIDAY RESORTS

	Yday	Today		Yday	Today
	Midday	C °F		Midday	C °F
Algeria	P 11	55	Istanbul	C 12	54
Bahia	S 21	70	Jersey	C 12	54
Bombay	S 21	84	Los Pinos	C 24	73
Buenos Aires	S 15	30	Managua	S 16	50
Calcutta	S 15	30	Manila	S 17	50
Canton	S 15	30	Medan	S 21	70
Cebu	S 15	30	Moscow	C 16	50
Hankow	S 23	72	New York	C 20	65
Hong Kong	S 23	72	Nice	S 17	65
Kobe	S 16	51	Oran	C 13	70
London	S 16	51	Paris	C 13	70
Lyons	S 16	51	Rio de Janeiro	S 18	70
Manila	S 16	51	Rosario	C 13	70
Medan	S 16	51	Samarang	S 18	70
Moscow	S 16	51	Singapore	S 18	70
New York	S 16	51	Taipei	S 18	70
Nice	S 16	51	Tientsin	S 18	70
Oran	S 16	51	Yokohama	S 18	70
Paris	S 16	51			
Rio de Janeiro	S 18	70			
Rosario	S 18	70			
Samarang	S 18	70			
Singapore	S 18	70			
Taipei	S 18	70			
Tientsin	S 18	70			
Yokohama	S 18	70			
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